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FIREMEN SUPPORT EXPULSION 68 PICKETS JAILED IN JACKSON MINE STRIKE

Mine Owners in Drive To Smash Militant Union

**Framed Striker Asks I. L. D. to Defend
Case When A. F. of L. Heads Fail to
Furnish Bail or Real Defense**

JACKSON, Amador County, June 6.—Sixty-eight pickets were arrested and jailed here today in a renewed outbreak of the employers' terror which is being used to break the strike of 560 gold miners, now entering its ninth month.

So strong has been the solidarity of the strikers that all of the scab crews attempting to operate the mines at present had to be brought in from outside the County, and in some instances from other states.

FIFTY POLICE PREVENT FARM WORKERS' MEET

**GOVERNMENT AIDS TERROR
DRIVE TO CUT FARM
WAGE SCALES**

WOODBRIDGE, Calif., June 6.—By ruthless terror, local police and vigilante groups prevented a meeting planned here to organize for better work and relief conditions.

150 workers, mostly unemployed, forced out of the relief rolls to work in the agricultural fields at still lower wages, had planned to gather in Woodbridge last night to organize a local of the Public Works and Unemployed Union.

When they got to the hall they found it surrounded by fifty policemen and a big group of vigilante men, who refused to allow the meeting to be held and forced the landlord to lock the hall. The vigilantes were waiting for Alex Notal, organizer for the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations.

What the vigilantes tried to do is shown by what happened at Hayward recently. There several workers were kidnapped by vigilantes and police, taken out of town and beaten for their activity in organizing labor unions.

* Forced Labor.

The government's role in this drive is shown by instructions issued by SRA authorities. Relief workers in the Sacramento district received with them pay checks a letter signed by H. J. Trevellick, SRA district director, which contained the following statement:

"The federal government insists that every relief worker must accept any private employment offered, even if it is only for a day or two at a time. Failure of any worker to accept such employment will automatically eliminate said worker from our relief rolls."

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Can You Help Headquarters?

Paint, painters, and carpenters are needed to fix up the new District Headquarters of the Communist Party at 121 Haight street in San Francisco. Workers who can donate paint, or who can volunteer to work should report at that address any time during the day.

If anyone has a desk, or two desks, that can be donated just let us know and we'll come after them.

Blankets are also needed. Watch for Announcement of Housewarming Party.

Picketing has been outlawed and the employers are governing Jackson by mob rule. Police forces work in close cooperation with vigilante gangs.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6.—James F. Workman, striking Amador gold miner who will face trial on June 11th on fake charges of having carried concealed weapons, has requested that his whole trial be conducted by the International Labor Defense.

* One in Penitentiary.

Workman first decided to put his case in the hands of the I. L. D. when he saw one of his union brothers, Adolpho Canales, railroaded to a sentence of one to five years in San Quentin on the same false charges without adequate defense from the A. F. of L. The International Labor Defense appointed its attorney, Geo. Andersen, to the case and, upon request of Workman, instructed him to cooperate with the A. F. of L. lawyer, George Oldshausen.

When Oldshausen refused to cooperate with Andersen, Workman wrote him instructions to turn all papers over to the I. L. D. attorney.

* A. F. of L. Refuses Bail.

Workman is now out on \$2000 cash bail supplied by the I. L. D. The A. F. of L. allowed him to remain four months in jail without making any effort to furnish bail and without organizing any mass protest campaign around the case.

The trial will be in the court of Superior Judge Camanetti, the same Judge who released eleven vigilantes, indicted for kidnaping without bail. At the same time he refused to lower bail for the arrested strikers or accept out of County property as bond.

* Mass Protest.

The International Labor Defense is organizing a mass campaign to demand freedom of Workman and all other arrested and framed Jackson miners. It is calling upon all organizations and individuals to send protest letters and wires to Superior Judge Camanetti, Jackson, Amador County, Calif.

They are also appealing for funds to carry on the defense and the campaign. Such funds should be sent to the International Labor Defense, Room 410, 1005 Market Street, San Francisco.

NAZI BUTCHERS BEHEAD LEADER OF RED FRONT

HAMBURG, Germany, June 6.—Comrade Fritz Fietz-Schulze, leader of the German workers' Red Front Fighters' League, which was outlawed and disbanded before Hitler came to power, was beheaded today for the "crime" of organizing and leading it. That organization, as well as the similar Socialist led fighting front, was chiefly a defense movement against the attacks of Hitler's Storm Troopers.

Herndon Faces 20-Year Chain Gang Sentence

NEW YORK, June 6.—Comrade Angelo Herndon, leader of the unemployed of Atlanta, Georgia, will be sent back on July 3 to the chain-gang to begin his sentence of 20 years, if workers do not flood the U.S. Supreme Court with demands that they grant a rehearing on his appeal. He was arrested and sentenced for the "crime" of organizing both black and white workers into the unemployed councils. An old slave revolt law, dating before the Civil War, was invoked by Southern bosses to railroad Herndon.

LUMBER STRIKE COVERS ENTIRE PACIFIC COAST

**CALIF. CARPENTERS AND
JOINERS WALK OUT FOR
WAGE RAISE**

**Muir Sell-out Stopped
RANK AND FILE MOVE IN
NORTHWEST TO KEEP
MILLS CLOSED**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6.—California lumber workers from here to Los Angeles are walking out for demands of 90c an hour, 40-hour week, and union recognition. 250 men walked out today in the Pacific Manufacturing Company's plant in Santa Clara. This outfit, largest saw and door corporation in California is notorious for open shop. Strikers from the truck yards and mills in Oakland and San Francisco are helping on the picket lines in Santa Clara.

The men in the South San Francisco Lumber and Supply Company in San Mateo County walked out today.

* 1200 Wood Workers Out.

Fifteen fixture, showcase and cabinet factories have been struck in Los Angeles. The workers there demand \$1 an hour.

Practically every mill in the Bay Area is closed; and in Los Angeles 1200 wood workers are out as the new strikers join the several weeks old walkout of L. A. Furniture Workers.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 6.—The much ballyhooed attempts to reopen lumber mills here and in Longview, Wash., under the Abe Muir sell-out agreement, ended in complete rout when rank and file pickets rejected the proposal and chased off a force of scabs who tried to enter the plants.

* Strike Committee.

The Joint Northwest Strike Committee, set up by the rank and file lumber strikers is expected to completely smash the sell-out moves of A. W. Muir, General Executive Board member of the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union. He has been attempting to break the strike with compromise agreements in the various mills which would give the strikers 50c an hour, a raise of 5c, and the 40-hour week.

A Joint Strike Committee Conference was called in Aberdeen, Wash., by nine locals of the Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union. Union officials tried to head it off. Muir even attempting to expel from the union four Aberdeen strike leaders who were active in the preparations. The Aberdeen local broke that move with a (Continued on Page 4, Col. 8.)

To Put Militant On Relief Board

**MRS. PURDY NOMINATED
TO FILL VACANCY ON
COMMITTEE**

Has Led Struggles

**WOULD GO FAR TO CHECK
PRESENT ABUSES IN
GIVING RELIEF**

LOS ANGELES, June 4.—Mrs. C. L. Purdy, unemployed leader, has been nominated by the Public Works Unemployed League to fill the vacancy made by resignation of John Tremor from the Citizens' Relief Committee.

The vacancy has not yet been filled and all locals should send a resolution and a delegation to 741 S. Flower street and demand that Mrs. Purdy be seated on the committee. Relief clients should follow this up with telephone calls and postcard demands.

The present committee is 100 per cent Chamber of Commerce and charity racket dominated. Presence of even one unemployed fighter on the committee would go far toward checking the shenanigans now going on in the committee.

ONE-MAN CAR HEARING SET FOR JULY 15

**LABOR FAKERS AVOID ANY
MILITANT ACTION**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—Hearings on the injunction against the city ordinance forbidding one-man trolley cars will be held beginning July 15, before Special Master H. M. Wright. The company is trying to drag out proceedings as long as possible, since under the temporary injunction granted it, one-man cars are already being operated.

The labor leaders who are supposed to fight the one-man cars are doing their best to prevent any militant action. Vandeleur, who is a delegate from the carmen's union to the Central Labor Council as well as head of the Labor Council, is mainly responsible for confining the fight to a court battle, knowing that the court will decide against the two-man car. By the time that happens, with one-man cars already in operation for some time, they hope that the public will be so used to a one-man car that the car men won't be able to put up a fight against the Market Street Railway.

THOUSANDS WAIT HOURS WHEN RELIEF CHECKS DON'T SHOW UP

**Red Tape Causes Hundreds to Go Hungry
As Relief Heads Experiment On Ways
to Check Up on Relief Lists**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6.—3000 persons have had to wait in line for hours yesterday trying to get over-due relief checks at 450 Mission street. The whole business, which means hunger for thousands of people who have to live on the meager relief checks, is due to the most incompetent, bureaucratic procedure.

For fear that someone might get two cents more than was coming to him, a new system has been instituted, requiring relief recipients to be recertified every four weeks. If this isn't done, they are cast off the rolls. The result is that every four weeks a large number of papers don't get through the red tape tangle, and it requires frequent visits to inspectors and to various headquarters to get back on the rolls. In the meantime you go hungry and tighten up your belt a few notches.

Leader of Jobless



MRS. C. L. PURDY

KANJU KATO IN U. S. ON MISSION OF SOLIDARITY

**NOTED JAPANESE LABOR
LEADER ONCE DENIED
ADMISSION**

SEATTLE, Wash., June 6.—Kanju Kato, militant Japanese labor leader, arrived in Seattle yesterday where workers gave him an enthusiastic reception. In spite of efforts to keep him out, the Immigration authorities were obliged to allow him to enter the country, after President McNeil of the New York Methodist Social Service Federation had agreed to endorse his visit. Previously, he had been denied admittance because the Roosevelt administration objected to his touring the country under the auspices of the rank and file A. F. of L. Committee for Unemployment Insurance.

Kato, who has been a determined opponent of war and was recent labor candidate for Parliament, told reporters that opposition to capitalism was increasing among Japanese workers, and that they were preparing for a determined struggle for higher wages.

He will tour the country for three months, trying to bring about a better understanding between American and Japanese workers and to lessen the danger of war between the two countries. San Francisco will be one of the places included in his itinerary.

Chief of Police Suffering from Hallucinations

SAN FRANCISCO, June 8.—Facing court action for manipulating promotions in the Police Department to suit his personal interests, Chief William J. Quinn today mouthed the vicious nonsense that adjustments in his staff were incidental to suppressing a Communist revolution in San Francisco last year.

This absurd piece of bombast was enthusiastically taken up by the kept press and used to swell the "red scare" caterwauling which followed the ousting of the vicious labor cheat, Paul Scharrenberg out of the Sailors' Union.

ANTI-RED BILL BEATEN, OTHER STILL PENDING

**ASSEMBLY BILL 20 LOSES
45 TO 25, SCHOOL BILL
STILL BEFORE SENATE**

Indigent Bill Up

**MEASURE WOULD ERECT
CHINESE WALL AROUND
CALIFORNIA**

SACRAMENTO, Calif., June 7.—Assembly Bill 20, which would have made it a crime to even be present at a meeting at which changes in the form of government were advocated, was defeated by a vote of 42 to 25. The bill was referred to the judiciary committee by this vote, which means that it is dead for this session of the legislature.

* Assembly Bill 106.

The other red-baiting bill, Assembly Bill 106, which would kick out all school teachers with liberal opinions, and bar school teachers to workers' organizations, is before the Senate. Widespread opposition can defeat the only one of the anti-labor bills that has managed to survive so far.

The indigent bill, which would bar all but the wealthy from entering California, is also before the Senate. If passed, it will throw a Chinese Wall about the state, and if widely copied in other states, would result in compelling workers to remain in the state they now inhabit. The Senate judiciary committee recommended its passage.

* Taxation Mess.

The budget and taxation mess continues, with the legislators anxious to end their labors. They are paid a salary of so much per day, up to a certain amount. This amount has been reached, and they can earn no more. As they do not want to give away their time for nothing, their sole idea is to wind up business and get home as soon as possible.

The legislature had no difficulty agreeing to increase the vicious sales tax to 3%, but can't agree on a vehicle tax supposed to produce \$18,000,000, which would be lost to the local governments. Another fight has developed over the income tax. The Assembly has proposed a rate one-third of the Federal government tax, but the Senate is demanding a one-quarter rate. Even this is regarded by Merriam as too high, and his tools have asked for reconsideration. Merriam's tenderheartedness for the rich is the more remarkable because he has at the same time claimed that the \$115,000,000 tax measures originally proposed would produce less than estimates, and additional taxes are needed.

Vote Unanimous On Kicking Out of Scharrenberg

**FIREMEN'S UNION VOTES
TO SUPPORT ACTION
OF SAILORS**

Reactionaries Cowed

**TWO RESOLUTIONS MADE
TO CLINCH OUSTING
OF LABOR CHEAT**

**WATERFRONT EMPLOYERS
SERVE ULTIMATUM
TO UNIONS**

Show Down Looms

**FURUSETH TAKES STAND
WITH EMPLOYERS AND
SCHARRENBERG**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—By unanimous vote, the Firemen's Union at last night's membership meeting concurred in the expulsion of the reactionary official Paul Scharrenberg from the Sailors' Union and agreed to support the sailors in driving him out of the International Seamen's Union.

Tumultuous cheering accompanied the decision and likewise a second unanimous resolution that should the labor cheat maneuver to maintain his position in the Central Labor Council by seeking entrance to the Firemen's Union, he would be automatically barred.

* Cronies Uneasy.

So determined was the sentiment of the body, that Scharrenberg's cronies in the Firemen's Union, McGovern, Farrell, Sullivan and Stanley, dared not voice any opposition. Sensing that they are in the line of fire as the movement toward ousting Scharrenberg from the maritime unions gains momentum along the waterfront they were forced into a position of worried silence.

The meeting also concurred in the recommendation of the newly formed Pacific Coast Maritime Fed. to drop the Tanker strike-called without preparation and defeat by Scharrenberg, and to submit all points to arbitration.

* The Red Herring.

Immediately following the expulsion resolutions, McGovern, secretary of the union and one of Scharrenberg's henchmen took the floor and hysterically wailed a red herring over the meeting. He shot forth a blast of "red scare" that would strike envy in the heart of William Randolph Hearst.

On the subject of the dynamic plot frame-up, McGovern urged rejection of all offers of defense aid from the International Labor Defense, stating that this was a sure way to send the defendants to the penitentiary.

* How About Jackson?

He did not mention, however, that in the case of the framed Jackson miners, the A. F. of L. provided such weak defense that one of the men is already in San Quentin and another, James Workman, who goes on trial June 11, has turned his case over to the International Labor Defense rather than risk a similar railroad.

Three Killed at Demonstration of Italian Farmers

ROME, Italy, June 7.—Three persons were killed and twelve wounded when police fired on a demonstration protesting against the commissioners appointed to investigate activities of agricultural cooperatives around the Cape of Leuca. Activities of the cooperatives are looked upon with disfavor by the fascist government, which is backing the bankers and middle men who want complete control of the farming field.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—Alarmed by the expulsion of one of their agents, Paul Scharrenberg, by the rank and file of the Sailors' Union, waterfront employers have opened a barrage of propaganda against the maritime unions unequalled since the General Strike.

Further indications that this is the beginning of a drive by maritime workers to rid their unions of all employers' agents and misleaders, have resulted in a threat by the Waterfront Employers Association that it may break off relations with the International Longshoremen's Association, Local 10, 3879.

* FuFuseth With Employers.

Andrew Furuseth, notorious boss and President of the International Seamen's Union, responded from Washington with a veiled threat to withdraw the charter of the San Francisco Local for ousting the faker.

Scharrenberg and the rest of the reactionary machine in the Central Labor Council have openly announced intention of opposing the expulsion by appeal to the executive committee of the International Seamen's Union, in spite of the fact that the ouster was supported by an overwhelming vote of 153 to 14.

* The Kept Press.

San Francisco capitalist papers (the Chronicle, Examiner and the Call-Bulletin) official mouthpieces of the employers, are waging an

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HELP YOUR PAPER GET NRA FACTS

The NRA is officially dead. The WESTERN WORKERS wants accurate information on the results of its withdrawal from the scene.

At least 1000 factories, stores, farms and so forth should be checked on immediately as to any changes in:

- 1—Working hours,
- 2—Wages,
- 3—Prices,
- 4—Speed-up, and
- 5—Lay-offs.

Readers of the WESTERN WORKER, throughout the West, are asked to get definite information on those five points in their local plants. Don't guess; find out. It doesn't have to be a long report, just so it tells the facts.

Each Party Unit in the District should discuss this question and take upon itself the job of checking up on one plant in its territory and finding out these facts. Then send them in.

Begin immediately and get your first report in within no more than two weeks.

Did the end of the NRA signal the raising or lowering of wages in the factory? The prices? Was there hiring or firing? Was the working day lengthened or shortened?

Struggle Ties Up Fishing In California and Oregon Ports

THREE FISHERMEN'S UNIONS LEAD 1,500 IN COAST-WIDE STRIKE AGAINST PRICE CUT

Packers' Attempt to Reduce Prices By Half Met By General Walkout in Two States; Struggle in Third Week

By a Fisherman.

EUREKA, Calif., June 6.—This is the 19th day since the fishermen tied up here on strike. Packers reduced the price from 12c for large salmon and 8c for small, down to a straight price of 8c.

Salmon fishermen then had a meeting and decided to ask for 8c and 10c. Saturday, May 25, the packers then posted a price of 5c and 8c; all cleaned fish, no round fish received. This last posted price cuts the price of cleaned fish 6c below first price paid for large fish.

Monterey, Fort Bragg, Crescent City, and all ports on the Oregon Coast are out on strike, due to price cuts. This coast-wide strike involves around 1500 fishermen.

This strike is led by three unions: the Pacific Coast Fishermen's Union, the Fish Cannery Workers Industrial Union, and the Trolling Vessel Owners Association. Seattle Trolling Vessel Owners Association men are fishing on a cooperative plan. We do not get much information on this cooperative plan.

If we fishermen all stick together as well as we have up to now we will have no trouble getting a fair price. All fishermen remember the year 1932, when so many of us were forced on county relief. Solidarity will win our demands.

DEADLINE JUNE 16 FOR STRIKE IN COAL MINES

U.M.W.A. OFFICIALS ISSUE CALL TO 400,000 MINERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6.—Orders to strike at midnight, June 16, unless countermanding orders are received, have been sent to 300,000 coal miners in six thousand local unions of the United Mine Workers of America in twenty-eight states by the national officials. The present contract, under which the miners are working, expires at that date. It was signed more than a year ago under the NRA, providing for the 35-hour week, \$3 a day scale and the open shop. It kept the miners' wages at the same level while cost of living went up least 25 per cent, permitted the mine-owners to blacklist militant workers, and offered no resource against the terrible speedup.

The miners, through their local unions, have gone on record for the \$6 a day scale, 36-hour week and the closed shop.

John L. Lewis, president of the union, who enforced the "struck" which extended the unsatisfactory agreement to June 16 demands only a scale of \$5.50. His main concern is securing passage of the Coffee Cool Bill to create a "little NRA" for the industry. The mine owners are also heartily in favor of this bill and the New York Herald Tribune has quoted Lewis as being of the opinion it would stop the strike.

Kelso Criminal Syndicalism Case Postponed to Fall

DEFENSE BEGINS FIGHT FOR DISMISSAL

RELSO, Wash., June 6.—The trial of Arne Pilsa on charges of Criminal Syndicalism has been postponed until some time next fall.

Max Farrar and Pilsa were jailed during the raids on workers' homes and halls last summer during the maritime strike and charged with C. S., the first cases in this state in 12 years.

Prosecuting Attorney Shirley Marsh tried to confine the case to the boxes full of literature seized in raids. But the International Labor Defense through its attorney, Irvin Goodman, forced from a former prosecutor the admission the real cause of the raids was the maritime strike. A jury, on which two striking lumber workers sat, recently acquitted Farrar.

A wide mass campaign has been conducted among labor and sympathetic groups throughout the Northwest, and the I.L.D. calls for a more intense activity to force dismissal of the case against Pilsa.

ATTORNEYS PUT HEARST TALES TO TRIAL TEST

L. A. MEETING WILL GET TESTIMONY ON USSR

LOS ANGELES, June 4.—The veracity of William Randolph Hearst in his attacks on the Soviet Union will be questioned Sunday, June 16, at 8 p. m., at a hearing conducted by prominent Los Angeles attorneys under the auspices of the Friends of the Soviet Union.

The courtroom will be the Co-operative Auditorium, 848 S. Main street. Some 25 witnesses, recently returned from the Soviet Union, will be questioned to bring out the slanderous nature of Hearst's attacks on the Soviet Union.

Attorneys conducting the questioning of witnesses will include Grover Johnson, A. L. Wirtz, Mary Bernstein, J. Allan Frankel and others.

Admission is 10 cents.

L.A. Cops Keep Themselves Busy Finding Arsenal

RED SQUAD MANAGES TO FIND "PLOTS" EVERY SO OFTEN

LOS ANGELES, June 2.—When patrolman A. J. Jensen discovered two loaded revolvers and four saps concealed in a clump of shrubbery at Pershing Square yesterday, or so he declares—police immediately announced that this was part of a Communist arsenal to be used in the United Youth Day demonstration.

* Violence No Sense.

Said the Times in reporting the "finding": "an outbreak of serious violence was narrowly averted when police frustrated attempts of Communists to parade and demonstrate in Pershing Square on Memorial Day."

According to Capt. Justin the two revolvers and four saps "were to have been used by Communist youths in the event the police had been compelled to use force in preventing the scheduled demonstration."

* Communist Youth.

The "force" lined up against the "Communist Youth" and their arsenal of two revolvers and four saps, included about 100 informed cops, city plain clothesmen, together with the entire red squad. The police were armed with tear gas bombs, nightsticks, high-powered pistols and sawed-off shot-guns.

No doubt Red Hynes will put the two revolvers and four saps away and bring them out again when, in his opinion, the occasion requires it. This "arsenal" has been periodically making its appearance every six months or so in connection with "Communist plots."

ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

By Anita Whitney.

JACKSON, AMADOR COUNTY

June 2, 1935. The strike of the miners is still going on in spite of vigilante terror and the ruthless neglect of the A. F. of L. with which the miner's union is affiliated. The case of James Workman, out on \$2000 bail furnished by the I. L. D., will be held this month with defense furnished by the I. L. D. Conditions in the Amador County jail are horrible and Workman lost forty pounds during his three months incarceration there. After he had been taken to jail the police claimed to have found a gun in his car about which Workman had no knowledge but he is charged with carrying concealed weapons.

Two other miners still held in jail have sent word to the I. L. D. asking to take up their cases. Phil Castaneda, one of the two, has never had a hearing and does not know what the charges are against him though he has been in jail since February 13th. The other man, Mike Lopez, is a foreigner and a very ill man, and without any medical attention. He too is charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

PICNIC

The I. L. D. Picnic is to be held on July 14th. This must be a big affair for the organization counts on the funds raised on that day to provide the necessary funds to defend our class war prisoners so don't let us fail "the shell of the working class." The Picnic Committee meets every Monday evening at eight o'clock in the Worker's School, 463 Hayes St. in Room 1. All Branches and affiliated organizations should send delegates. This should be understood as an urgent call to service, so please check up and see that your organization is represented. The Committee is not alone a delegate body but any and all interested individuals will be cordially welcomed as the aim is a big and enthusiastic picnic. We are at the same time celebrating an honored revolutionary anniversary.

THE C. S. VICTIMS

The appeal for the release of our seven comrades (for Norman Minni has withdrawn his appeal from the I. L. D. and will go it alone) is being prepared. This is always an expensive undertaking and a long drawn out one. There will be stenographic services, a big printers bill beside filing fees and other expenses. We must all share in the labor of collecting these funds. Printed collection lists for the appeal have been made and we must all arm ourselves with one and not only get donations but let people know that iniquitous law is still on the statute books. There are still people in the state that have not heard of the Criminal Syndicalism Law—believe it or not.

One of our comrades has been very active in getting literature to our comrades. I am listing what has come to them (both to the boys and the girls) so you may know and not duplicate. Subscriptions of the Nation, New Republic, Common Sense, New York Times, and copies of "Soviet Journey" by Fisher, "I Change Worlds" by Anna Louise Strong, Billinger's "Fatherland," "The Shadow Before" by Wm. Rollins Jr. and Caldwell's "Tenant Farmer."

Lorine Norman is especially requesting good books on the Soviet Union. Nora Conklin wants Charles Beard's "Rise of American Civilization." So anyone wishing to meet these desires can let us know and we will try to keep tabs on what goes in—not only to prevent duplication but also to help in getting them the reading matter they most desire.

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DANCE OF THE UNITED FRONT COMMITTEE

Don't forget the Dance of the Committee on June 8th at Eagles Hall. There will be good music, a short program, and refreshments with prices and all that goes with having a good time while furthering the cause. I suppose I must not forget to add that beer will be on tap all the time.

Herndon Decision Branded Outrage By Norm. Thomas

INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE TO ASK REHEARING

NEW YORK, June 7.—The fight to save Angelo Herndon from a twenty-year sentence on a chain gang gained renewed impetus when Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, announced he would ask the National Executive Committee to give official support to the 22 year old Negro. It is planned to ask the Supreme Court for a rehearing based on the dissenting opinion of Justice Cardozo, Stone and Brandeis, which held that legal technicalities should not bar Herndon's right to have the Supreme Court decide the constitutionality of the law under which he was convicted.

The Socialist leader said: "I know of no case which is so absolutely raw as this one. Herndon is condemned to the living hell of 20 years on a Georgia chain gang, perhaps the worst fate possible to man in so-called civilized countries. And why? Simply because he was convicted under an old, barbarous and hitherto unused statute in Georgia dating back to the unhappy days following the Civil War."

"Herndon led no mob, incited to no violence, did not even make what would be called a 'subversive' speech. It happens that he is both a Communist and a Negro and that he was organizing peacefully to obtain better relief conditions for workers, of course, including colored workers."

LIBRARIAN WANTED

The Western Worker needs a librarian, one who can file and index a wealth of material now on hand in the office. It is absolutely necessary the paper have a reference file at once. The staff of the Western Worker therefore asks that anyone wishing to volunteer for this work call at the office immediately.

EMPLOYERS IN OPEN WARFARE AGAINST CANTON STEEL MILL STRIKERS, SCORES INJURED

City Officials Sell-Out Sympathy Strikes By Pretending to Stop Armed Violence

CANTON, Ohio, June 7.—After gaining the confidence of strikers by pretending to side with them against the employers, Canton city officials put through a phoney vote ending the strike in the United Alloy plant and the Stark Mill, both of which had struck in sympathy with the Berger Manufacturing Company workers.

With the assistance of Mike Tighe, head of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel, and Tin workers, and newspaper publicity, it was announced that the strikers voted to return to work by a big majority. Only city officials counted the vote, in which strike breakers and company guards participated. Three hundred scabs, imported from Massillon, participated in the voting.

The Berger workers were not included in the election because authorities were convinced they would not return to work. However, their picket lines will be attacked by police on the strength of the vote.

* School Children Hurt.

CANTON, Ohio, June 5.—Open warfare in the Canton steel strike ended, at least temporarily, when the employers agreed to a strike in their own plant, which had resulted in injuries to scores of persons. The agreement was arrived at when city and county officials were forced to intervene through indignation aroused by indiscriminate attacks on pickets, in which so-called children and spectators were injured.

The use of armed thugs by the employers became so blatant that even the sheriff's deputies were obliged to arrest all company guards caught off the picketers' property for fear of the damage they might do.

In conjunction with this militarization, "Americanization" classes are to be instituted in every camp immediately.

This action follows on President Roosevelt's promise not to militarize the CCC camps. Like his other promises, Roosevelt takes this one lightly.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

* Tear Gas Used.

Mrs. Mary Reed, 22, was seriously wounded about the ankles and legs when two armored cars opened fire on a group of pickets without provocation. A day later, another armored truck laid down a tear gas barrage against a line of pickets in front of the Berger Manufacturing Company plant. A tear gas projectile, 6 inches long and 1 1/2 inches in diameter, struck Charles Miner, one of the pickets, in the mouth.

A proposed sympathetic strike of employees of the Turner Roller Bearing Company was voted down, according to union officials. However, the refusal to make public the actual vote.

AGRICULTURAL LABOR UNDER ARMED GUARDS

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or to act as a strikebreaker, you will starve. Regardless of wages offered, the work you are accustomed to do, the meanness of the work to your residence, or the conditions under which you work, you must accept the job offered.

When the work offered won't bring you a wage on which you and your family can live, but you have to take it anyway, the only definition of such a state of affairs is "slavery." Since you will work under armed guard, at least if you attempt to organize, the definition is by no means as far-fetched as one not acquainted with conditions in the agricultural fields would at first suspect.

An example of this was shown by an article in the WESTERN WORKER for May 23. To quote from the article:

"Reports from pea pickers in Southern Alameda County that wages were 15c an hour and 17c for conditions of the agricultural workers were rightful prompted the Public Works and Unemployed Union to send a delegation of six to the pea fields to investigate. It was also reported that the workers were held on the ranches under armed guards who permitted none of them to leave the camp without permission and refused admittance to any who tried to enter the ranches."

"The entire committee was stopped on the highway by vigilantes and deputy sheriffs. Two were beaten and the others were hauled out on a lonely road, photographed and told to walk home, and not to return."

* Wage-cutting Agency.

What the employers in the state are seeking can be seen in the San Fernando Valley. There top wages for labor have been 25c an hour or \$2 a day. Large farm employers kick because the S.F.R.A. has made it difficult to get help at these low wages. Therefore they plan to force the relief authorities to refuse help to anyone to whom they offer work. In this way the relief set-up is to be used as an agency to cut the wages and living standards of the California workers.

From The Worker Correspondents

CARPENTERS IN FIGHT AGAINST MACHINE RULE

SAN DIEGO RANK AND FILE FIGHT ATTEMPTS TO CONTROL ELECTIONS

SAN DIEGO, June 7.—At a special meeting of Carpenters Local No. 1296, the question of nomination for business agent was also taken up. Strangely enough, in the call to the meeting which was sent out to each member, this matter was not mentioned.

* Private Rotation System.

From the very beginning it was evident that a large number of supporters of the present Business Agent, Carl Barnes, were present. Barnes has a private rotation system of giving out work to his friends, and naturally these supporters want to see him re-elected as business agent at any cost. Hoodlums tactics and violations of all rights of free speech, order and courtesy were used against those of the rank and file who the "machine" thought might have something to say against them.

A rule that has been enforced in the past against others, disqualifying for office those in arrears in dues, was simply applied to the supporters of Bro. Barnes because Bro. Barnes himself has been in arrears in the past 12 months.

* Deny Floor to Speaker.

Bro. Smith, who was nominated by the other locals, had been promised a chance to speak, but against all democratic procedure, the "machine" ruled that he should not speak and he was not even allowed to make a brief statement.

The election of B. A. comes off on June 9th, but in that time the majority of organized carpenters in San Diego ought to wake up to what is going on, or the policy of discrimination and bureaucratic rule will continue, if Bro. Barnes is re-elected.

One-man cars mean one man starves! Boycott one-man cars and protest the injunction granted to the Market Street Railway by Judge Louderback.

Worker Poisoned By Charity Food Twice In 3 Years

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—On May 28th I went to the Clinic, and I had to wait from 8:25 A. M. to 2 P. M. before they waited on me. I was so sick I nearly fainted. I got sick of ptomaine poisoning from the rotten beef they gave to me at the S.F.R.A.

Lots of workers go to the clinic for treatment, but they don't treat you like you are sick, but like a bunch of cattle.

I have been poisoned twice by relief foods; once in 1932 with a can of corn and now with meat. The first time they sent me to the hospital, and then sent me home the next day.

But now they didn't even send me to the hospital. The Clinic told me to go home because the hospital was full.

The only way to do away with this is to organize and to overthrow these slave drivers.

Oakland Workers Hold First-Street Meet Since Terror

OAKLAND, Calif., June 2.—The first street meeting since the vigilante terror of July, 1934, was held here today under the auspices of the Communist Party and the International Labor Defense.

Three hundred workers massed about the speakers' platform at Tenth and Broadway and gave militant support to the speakers against an officer who tried to stop the meeting. While the cop threatened him with arrest, Comrade Humphries, Section organizer of the Communist Party, maintained his right to speak at the meeting and the officer was forced to back down.

The workers donated \$5.10, a large collection for the skid-row, and gave a rousing cheer at the I.L.D. speaker's appeal for help for class-war prisoners.

* Growing Rapidly.

The bulletin has been appearing regularly on the 1st and 15th of each month. The present issue is No. 7. From four pages, it has grown to six, and soon will require eight pages for its wealth of rank and file material.

It has exposed the Fascist leaders in San Diego, as well as the most violent and dangerous of the Open Shoppers.

It has also inexorably pursued a line of exposure of all AFL

* FAKERS THREATEN SAN DIEGO RANK AND FILE PUBLICATION

"Trade Union News" Worries Bureaucrats By Showing Up Double-Crossing of Labor Misleaders

SAN DIEGO, June 7.—Trade Union News, organ of the rank and file trade unionists of San Diego, has answered the recent sour-trumpeting of reactionaries in the Federated Trades and Labor Council, and on the staff of the Labor Leader, in its issue of June 1. It throws the spotlight on the bureaucrats who are shouting "Reds" in an attempt to cover up their own collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce and other so-called friends of labor.

The exposures printed in Trade Union News have caused the fat boys to threaten to go to the District Attorney for help in prosecuting its editors. An example of what the fakers are afraid of was the uncovering of the now notorious double-dealing of Brother Otto Heitman "Union Label Story."

* Expose Double-Dealing.

Brother Heitman is a particular hotshot in the Federated Trades Council as well as a former representative of the defunct NRA. He ordered a suit of clothes from an open shop tailor and then sewed a union label on it, because the Trade Union News exposed him, he is out for his scalp with the help of the District Attorney.

As an answer to the threats of these reactionaries to prosecute its editors, the rank and file bulletin states in an editorial: "Those frightful labor politicians do not speak for labor when they attack TRADE UNION NEWS. They speak only for themselves. The rank and file trade unionists are supporting this paper and our circulation lists are growing. Our answer to these fakers will be to issue within a short time, TRADE UNION NEWS as a weekly paper."

* Democratic Control.

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6. To expose as labor's worst enemies, through publicity and other means, the local fascist leaders, the prominent open shop business men.

7. To combat those leaders in the ranks of labor who have become so corrupted by the Chamber of Commerce and other business elements that they are more interested in bettering conditions for business men than for workers.

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East of the Rockies

Newark Police Stop Workers' Play

NEWARK, New Jersey, June 7.—Fear of the effect of a real workers' play on its audience led police to raid the Ukrainian Hall here and to arrest nine workers during a performance of "Waiting for Lefty," a play based upon the New York taxi drivers' strike. All were held without bail.

Tear Gas Used to Evict Widow

ORADELL, New Jersey, June 7.—Police used tear gas to evict Mrs. Mary Lee, a penniless widow, and her 16-year-old daughter, Mrs. Lee has been living on \$3 a week from the relief agencies. When the police came she went to an upper floor of the house and announced she would jump out if they came nearer.

Strikers Battle Police In Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 7.—A dozen strikers were injured in a clash between the police and workers on the picket lines in front of the Columbus Packing Company plant. The battle started when police drove a police car into the picket line. The strikers are demanding higher wages and a closed shop.

Chicago Milk Drivers Vote to Strike

CHICAGO, Ill., June 7.—Members of Milk Drivers' Union, Local 753, have voted 239 to 99 to strike for an increase of \$5 over their present weekly scale and for the establishment of a five-day week with no cut in wages. Union officials are trying to stall off the strike on the claim that approval must be obtained from the Chicago Teamsters' Joint Council and from the International Brotherhood.

White Motor Strikers Win Concessions

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 7.—The 2000 White Motor Truck strikers are back at work after having won important concessions in their strike, which lasted a week. Union recognition and seniority rights were won, but no wage increase. Twenty-four hour mass picket lines, and rank and file control forced the concessions from the employers.

House Cuts Warship Appropriation

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7.—The House of Representatives balked at rubber-stamping the Naval Bill prepared by the big arms advocates and passed by the Senate. Amendments adding \$11,000,000 to the 1936 appropriations were rejected. As passed by the House, the \$160,000,000 measure provided only \$15,000,000 instead of \$30,000,000 requested for new ships. However, no change in the total of 24 ships to be built was made.

No Privilege for Five In L.A. Jail

WORKERS IMPRISONED IN UNEMPLOYED STRUGGLE DENIED OWN DOCTOR

LOS ANGELES, June 3.—Five workers, all serving sentences for their part in the struggle for cash relief for the unemployed, are held in Lincoln Heights jail under conditions equal to those of the chain-gang, horrors of Georgia.

One, James M. Shann, was beaten at the time of his arrest to the permanent injury of his back, but is denied a back support prescribed by his physician. Harold Hendrick's health is failing rapidly. None of them are allowed to be examined by any except the corrupt jail physician.

Their mail is denied them; small sums of money sent them by the International Labor Defense for such "luxuries" as tobacco, etc.

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are returned to the sender. They are not permitted any kind of literature.

The U. S. D. asks that protests, demanding removal of police chief Davis, removal of all officials of Lincoln Heights Jail and immediate abolition of discrimination against political prisoners, be sent to the county and city authorities.

500 CHILDREN FINGERPRINTED WITH SERA AID

BOSSSES RENEWING DRIVE TO GET WORKERS INTO GOVT RECORDS

HOLLYWOOD, June 5.—Financed by SERA funds, fingerprinting of children has been started in this city by the police department in cooperation with the Federal Government.

This "experiment" is in line with the drive now under way by the Washington authorities to get fingerprint records of all citizens and foreigners resident in the United States.

Scare Tactics.

The finger printing has been going on in Culver City for over a month and some five hundred school children have been recorded. The "come-on" by which the police get parents consent is to paint a harrowing picture of kidnappings and of lost and runaway children.

Following the experiment in Culver City, plans call for extending the procedure to other cities throughout the country, thus getting the identifying marks of practically all the children of the coming generation of workers.

One set of fingerprints remains with the local police department and the other goes to the Bureau of Identification at Washington, where it is available for use by the police and other agencies of local, state and national government throughout the country.

Not only can the fingerprints be used in apprehending ordinary law offenders, but, as has already been indicated, this means of fingerprints can and will be used against the struggles of labor.

* Protest Needed.

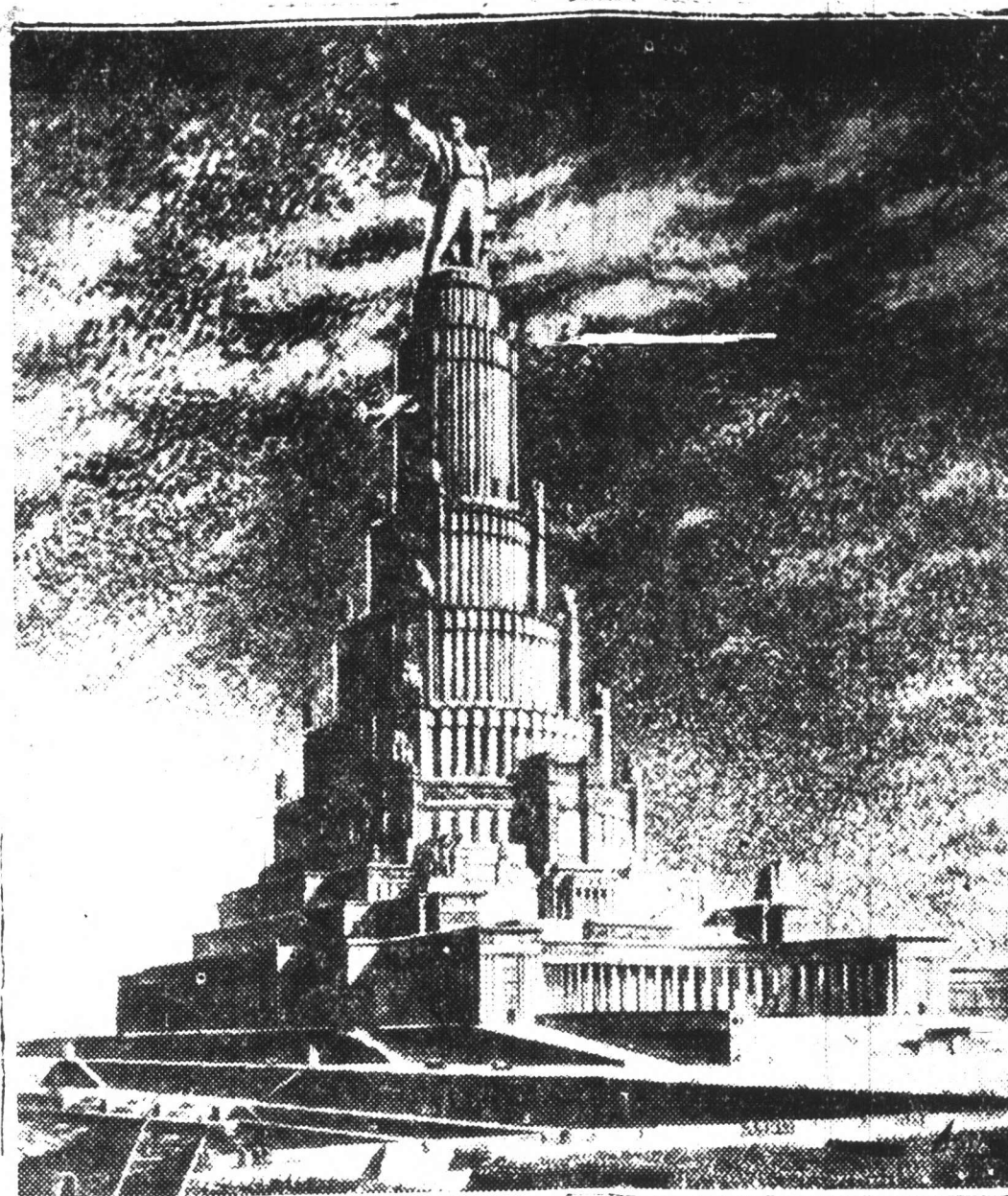
Extension of the voluntary "non-criminal" fingerprinting of children should be resisted by organized labor and by all organizations sympathetic to labor. Protests should be registered immediately and be lodged with Mr. Hoover, head of the Bureau of Identification at Washington; President Roosevelt and your Congressmen. The next step, after conditioning parents to allow their children be fingerprinted is to coerce the parents into similar procedure.

This should indicate to workers the danger they place themselves in permitting a record to be made which the tools of the capitalist class can make use against them during labor struggles.

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Plans Ready for Palace of Soviets



Above is the architect's drawing of the projected "Palace of the Soviets" to be erected in Moscow. Seventy feet higher than the Empire State Building, it will be the largest and tallest structure in the world. Soviet engineers and architects have concluded a series of consultations with the New York engineering firm of Morgan and Proctor, who helped design the San Francisco Bay Bridge, and construction is expected to start very soon. According to Proctor, the Soviet engineers and architects have dealt successfully with new problems presented by the magnitude and design of the huge Palace. A site for it is being cleared near the Moscow River.

Communists Gain In French Voting

SOCIALISTS LOSE VOTES AS WORKERS FOLLOW COMMUNIST LEAD

PARIS, France, June 3.—In the first round of elections to the General Council of the Seine Department the Communists won 12 seats, three times as it had formerly, and won 14 favorable positions (majorities) for the coming runoff elections. The Socialist Party won two seats, where it formerly had six, and won only five favorable positions.

The Communists won 8,000 more votes than were gained in the municipal elections of May 5—and at that time they gained 10,000. Political circles concede the rising influence of the Communist Party to its disciplined action against Fascism and the prestige of the Soviet peace policy.

PARIS, June 7.—The United Front of the Communist and Socialist Parties won a sweeping victory in elections to the General Council of the Seine-et-Oise Department. In the working-class suburbs of Paris, out of 23 seats,

500 Get Work from Soviet Purchases

NEW YORK, June 7.—A \$1,250,000 contract for the purchase of oil refining equipment has been signed by Amtorg Trading Corporation, American purchasing agents for the Soviet Union. The equipment, which will be installed in a refinery being built at Ufa, near the Ural Mountains, will provide work for 400 to 500 men.

18 were won by the United Front. Of these thirteen were Communists and five Socialists.

The United Front now has 74 out of 140 seats on the Council. This is a gain of 20 over what they held prior to the elections.

Together with previous elections, the number of municipalities gained by the United Front is as follows:

Department of the Nord: 43 Communist municipalities, 24 Socialist municipalities, and 21 anti-Fascist municipalities won by the United Front candidates.

Seine-et-Oise Department: 29 Communist municipalities, 14 Socialists, 15 United Front. The Ardennes Department: 2 Communist municipalities, 4 Socialists, 3 United Front.

WOMAN FAINTS WAITING FOR RELIEF ORDER

HUNDREDS WAIT IN LINE WHEN RELIEF CHECKS FAIL TO COME

By Frank Cameron.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—A young woman of nineteen or twenty, Evelyn Schultz, fainted from hunger while standing in line at the Turk street relief station (District 5) trying to get an emergency order. She had not eaten for a day and a half, because no check came last week for the work she had done.

She was picked up, but nothing was done for her. I demanded that she get her order at once. They told her to come back at 1 o'clock (it was then 11:30). I said nothing doing, took her into another office, and got the order within fifteen minutes.

* Shortage of Funds.

There was a tremendous crowd at the relief station. Because of shortage of funds, no checks had gone out last week. An attendant told me that \$83,000 a week was distributed here. As a result, hundreds went hungry over the week end, and flocked in for an emergency order.

To get an order, you have to see your visitor, and then wait around until six or seven at night. Sometimes even longer. A woman with a baby had been there since seven in the morning. There is no ventilation in the hot and stuffy old school rooms they use for offices. Lots of medical cases needing fresh air badly are forced to remain in the foul air of crowded rooms by the hour.

* Can't Collect Pay.

When you get an emergency food order, you can't even collect it. Many stores refuse to take them because they have to wait four or five months to get the money from the government.

All these people in line had earned the money they were seeking, by hard work. But they can't even collect their pay without putting in a full day of waiting. If they joined the Public Works and Unemployed Union, and put up a militant fight for their rights, they wouldn't have to put up with the bureaucratic mismanagement that prevails.

More Scrap Iron Shipped to Japan

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., June 6.—The Northwestern Pacific has sold a large amount of its rails from its road bed between Marion Station and Pt. Reyes Station in Marin County to Japan. It has also sold a number of old engines to Japan for scrap iron.

Heavy shipments of scrap iron, useful in munitions, are continually coming from West Coast ports to Japan.

Foreign News Briefs

Italians Oppose Conquest of Ethiopia

MILAN, Italy, June 7.—Workers in Milan are showing by demonstrations their opposition to being forced into a war to conquer Ethiopia. In one movie, students who applauded a news reel of departing soldiers were beaten by soldiers in the audience. At the barracks of the Fascist Militia on Pagano street only two of the 700 militiamen spontaneously answered the call to depart as "volunteers."

Soviet Loan Subscriptions High

MOSCOW, June 7.—A loan of three and a half billion rubles, floated by the government to aid in the work of socialist construction, was subscribed to the extent of 3138 million rubles or 90 per cent of the total within five days after it was announced.

English Unemployment at High Figure

LONDON, June 7.—Inability of England to solve its economic middle becomes more apparent as the latest returns show no decline in unemployment. On May 20, 2,045,752 were listed as unemployed, a slight increase over the previous month, and only two per cent less than the year before.

Swiss Voters Reject New Deal

GENEVA, Switzerland, June 7.—Swiss voters decisively defeated a five-year "New Deal" plan of inflation supported by the Socialist Party. The scheme, in many respects similar to Roosevelt's recovery ballyhoo, would have taken Swiss currency off the gold standard, increasing prices and therefore decreasing real wages.

Hitler Preparing East Prussia War Base

PARIS, France, June 7.—Hitler is formulating plans to turn East Prussia into a powerful war base. Intense work is under way on fortifications and aviation bases. Extra classes will be conscripted into the army from East Prussia, and all residents will be obliged to remain in the reserves until they are 55 years old, and not 45 as in other regions. The reason for these preparations is the nearness of East Prussia to the Soviet Union.

Nazis Advocate Pogroms Against Jews

BERLIN, Germany, June 7.—Anti-Semitic program excitement in Germany is being intensified. Appeals to the open use of violence against Jews were made in Breslau, where wooden gallows have been set up, with the names of six Breslau women who, by marrying Jews, were declared to "represent race betrayal."

Gangsters Get Guns From U.S. Armories

WASHINGTON, June 3.—From information revealed by Atty. Gen. Homer S. Cummings, it would appear that gangsters depend for their arms mostly upon National Guard armories. In five years they have stolen 2000 guns, 1645 of them .45 caliber pistols. Twenty-one machine guns, some of them used in strikes against workers, are also missing.

UNITED FRONT OFFER REFUSED BY SOCIALISTS

N. Y. REACTIONARIES REFUSE TO JOIN FIGHT AGAINST WAGE CUTS

NEW YORK, June 7.—The Socialist Party of New York City rejected an offer of the Communist Party for a United Front to fight against wage reductions and hour increases which may result from the Supreme Court decision holding the NRA unconstitutional. The New York City Socialist Party, which is so reactionary that even the executive committee of the Socialist Party has threatened to withdraw its charter, tried its best to crawl out of any obligation to fight to maintain the rights of labor. They did this by vituperous charges that the Communist Party was "opposed to organized labor."

This lie was used to cover up the Socialist backing of William Green and other fakers who have worked to prevent any militant fight by organized labor to better its conditions.

The Communist Party's proposal was contained in a letter to the national executive committee of the Socialist Party, urging unity of action by all labor forces in the country against the developing drive on wages, working conditions, and civil rights. The letter also urged the formation of a Labor Party, in which all factions would agree to work for certain immediate demands of labor without losing their separate identity.

Strike Against Coolie Pay Ties Up Relief Work

FLINT, Mich., June 3.—All Federal work projects here are completely tied up by the strike of 1500 relief workers demanding something better than coolie pay. The strikers, who have been getting 35 cents an hour for a little more than direct relief, are asking 50 cents an hour for a 40-hour week. Several stool-pigeons have attempted to split the ranks of the strikers, who are led by the Unemployed Workers Association.

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World Events and Western Workers

Union Fakers Hinder Japan Workers Anti-War Fight

By Emmett Kirby

Trade Union Bureaucrats Strive to Shackle Workers With Class Collaboration to Aid War Profits—Unions Keep Split Up while Fascists Organization Grows—Rank and File Control Needed

The year 1935, which two years ago was proclaimed in the world press as being Japan's "critical year," is now nearly half through.

By "critical" was meant the fact that Japan's expansion to the formation of Asia, bringing sharp conflicts with her imperialist rivals—the United States, Britain, France, and now, increasingly, Italy, in China would increase. The planned attack on the Soviet Union has met a temporary setback in the USSR selling the Chinese Eastern Railway at a sacrifice to prevent the horrors of another slaughter of workers in war. This, together with the peace victories in the west have lessened that danger for a time.

But now that the snows are rapidly melting and the roadways opening hard surfaces in the north of China and Mongolia, Japan has twice in the past three weeks sent small expeditions below the Great Wall. Though withdrawn almost at once, the Japanese army plan of seizing the five provinces heaped to them by Chiang Kai Shek may be expected to be begun soon, to expand Manchukuo, according to plan, to include this new territory.

Japanese announcements have heralded this move, and the demands of the army heads (who are independent of the Cabinet) that the diplomatic force keep their hands off, is an even more certain indication. The move to send an ambassador to Nanking instead of a Minister, as provided in the secret betrayal pact, met a sharp rebuff from the War Ministry.

* The Excuse.

The excuse for the invasion and attempted conquest, already given, is the growing organization of the anti-imperialist—and special-

ly, anti-Japanese—movement of the peasants in Northern China and Mongolia.

Rallied by the Communist Party of China, their organization has grown by leaps and bounds in the past seven months by the help of the Northern Red Army of China. The Red Army, in the eyes of China's exploited hundreds of millions, is the only force that carries the flag of the fight against Japanese conquest.

But no future war will be fought solely on the battlefield. The fight of the proletariat of the invading country against those imperialist aims will be as cruel and vital a part as anything that happens on the battlefield.

What is the situation among the Japanese working class?

Not many years ago many Communists, when playing with the dangers of prophecy, expressed the belief that Japan would be the next country to go red. The main contradictions which made for the Bolshevik revolution's being successful were present—the survivals of feudalism oppressing the peasantry to an unprecedented degree, the conflicts brought about by the carrying out a program of imperialist expansion, and the tremendously sharp struggle between capital and labor within the country itself. The war, powerful revolutionary factor in 1917, was all that was lacking.

The seizure of Manchuria, largely due to the resistance, armed and otherwise, of the Manchurian workers and peasants, has done

little to alleviate any of these pressing forces.

Even the capitalist press correspondent admit that it is the growing revolutionary situation at home which forces Japan to her risky adventurous program of expansion.

* Partly Illegal.

The fight of the Nonni River, which in 1931 opened the drive on Manchuria, was accompanied by a wholesale raid on the Communist Party in Japan resulting in the mass arrests of thousands and the thrusting underground of the Party, which was actively fighting against imperialist war. Overnight the Communist Party became illegal in a nationwide secret police raid.

But despite the illegality of the Party, the struggle of the Japanese proletariat and the starving peasantry has grown by leaps and bounds in the past few years. All the government war cries that strikes and demands in their own interests were "betrayals of the fatherland" and "lead to weakening of the fighting power of the Japanese nation" have not stopped the fight against the lowering standard of living which accompanies the terrific taxation and war profits whereby the money for war preparations is gotten.

A reflection of that struggle and of the Communist leadership is the fact that during 1934 alone, more than 4,500 revolutionary workers have been sent to join the thousands already in jail.

* Mostly Unorganized.

At present the great mass of the workers of Japan are unorganized, with only some 350,000 in trade unions. Of these 280,000, about four-fifths, are in the Kumiai Kaigi, a consultative federation composed exclusively of leading officials.

This outfit, led by the extreme Right Wingers, last year offered their assistance to the government war machine in the setting up of organs of class collaboration—military-industrial committees such as existed in Russia during the war until the revolution, whose purpose was to force the workers to full support of the war and war industries particularly.

* Reformist Shackles.

In 1933, under the slogan of "Class peace in the name of national unity," they rigged up an agreement whereby strikes could only be undertaken by permission of these bureaucrats—who could be counted on to refuse permission.

Last October, at their congress, these misleaders went a step further—adopting a program for the establishing of a so-called "ministry of labor and industry" where in they represent the workers. The object of this is to control productivity of labor and in the interest of the capitalists and the war and the outlawing entirely of strikes.

A further weakness which the bureaucrats utilize to the utmost, and fight to maintain, is the great lack of unity in these unions under their affiliation.

In one section, the Sodomei, 48,000 members are split up into 78 unions. In the Dzenro, 42,000 members are in 47 unions. The Sorenko, has 27,000 members in 37 unions. The Rodo Sorenko has 2000 split up into twenty unions.

All the while, of course, because of pressure upon them from the workers, they speak loudly of unity. But the above are typical figures.

* Fascists Grow.

An important part of this, is the growing fascist strength in the trade union movement. Aided by the Reformists non-resistance, the fascists have been able to split away large sections of the trade union men into outright fascist trade unions. And the disgust of the workers toward the misleadership of the Social-Democrat and careerist bureaucrats has made a fertile field for the fascists to work in with their radical sounding slogans.

But the strikes which are going on, outlined in last issue, show the workers, particularly in the war industries are more than willing to fight. In addition to these strikes were the big strikes of the Tokyo tramwaymen and the seamen last year. Since the latter, which was only stopped from becoming a general strike by the treachery of the bureaucrats, there have been more than 200 lesser strikes among the different seamen unions.

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Must Increase Recruiting and Halt Turn Over

Rapid Political Development of Masses Should See Corresponding Growth In Ranks of the Party

By E. Hanoff.

In the last several months the tremendous possibilities which exist in our District for recruiting thousands of radicalized workers into our Party have not been utilized to the fullest extent.

Every Party member will agree that in the last few months we have contacted a much greater number of workers than ever before, in all fields, through our United Front activities. We have involved hundreds of organizations, trade unions, Democratic clubs, Epic and Utopian groups and unemployed and other mass organizations. Under our leadership, tens of thousands of workers have fought for unemployment insurance and for higher standards of living, for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, Against War and Fascism, etc. In these broad mass activities, it is only natural for the workers to become more and more familiarized with the fact that the Communist Party is the originator of and most devoted factor in helping make it possible for these masses of workers, farmers, intellectuals and students to demonstrate with their united power against the capitalist and their rotten, decaying system of exploitation.

Why Slow Recruiting?

The question now arises, "Why is our recruiting in a normal state at this time when the prestige and influence of our Party is growing tremendously, and when the leadership of our Party is accepted by ever larger numbers of workers?"

The answer to this question is contained in the resolution adopted by the District Committee of our Party on May 15th, 1935, against right and left sectarian opportunism in our district, which resolution was sent out to all sections and units.

The resolution deals with two of the outstanding fields of our work where our comrades carried out a criminally opportunist line, and shows how this wrong line stops the Party from growing.

It is interesting to note that a very insignificant number of workers were recruited to the Party from the L. L. D. and the other defense organizations in spite of the fact that the L.L.D. proper has over 400 and 500 members, and has organized mass activity around the Sacramento cases. Against the C. S. Law, etc. in the last several months. It is also interesting to know that the head of these organizations and Party fractions was the former District Organizer of the L. L. D., Comrade Gordon, who, during all these mass activities, tried unsuccessfully not only to hide the face of the Party, but to completely bury it, so that the militant prospective Party material would not find the gateway to the Communist Party. Comrade Gordon is characterized in the District Resolution as the champion of right opportunism and he was removed from his post for his consistent opportunist opposition to the Party line.

Needle Trades.

The same bad condition exists as far as recruiting is concerned in the Needle Trades, in the L. G. W. U., with a membership of over 1000, and a fraction of 30 for more, very little, if any, recruiting was done for years.

Here we want to review both right and left sectarian opportunism. On the one hand, the comrades are maneuvering with the top leadership to have "peace" in the family. On the other hand, they comrades think that there is no Party material amongst one thousand workers, which means isolation from the masses. In fact, in this very local, there are a large number of militant left-wingers, who are sympathizers to the Party and willing to accept our leadership, but because of this opportunist wrong con-

ception, we are not functioning as a fraction should to work with the rank and file and bring out the role of the Party in the daily struggles of the workers, and therefore we are not building the Party in the Union. In fact, some of the fraction members think we have too many party members there.

In All Fields.

A similar wrong conception exists in the minds of most of our Party members in all our activities in all fields. Comrades refuse to realize that our major responsibility in the trade unions mass organizations and united front activities in the neighborhoods especially and amongst the shop workers is recruiting the most advanced and militant elements to the Party and building a strong mass Communist Party. This is the only guarantee that will provide uncompromising leadership in all fields to fight for the daily needs of the working class.

Fluctuation.

The problem of fluctuation in our district is a very serious one, and must be taken up by the District Committee, Section Committees, Unit Bureaus, and by every Party member as a most urgent political and organizational question which must be solved immediately. We have tried for the last three years to solve this most important problem by making all kinds of suggestions. We have called functionaries' conferences, held unit discussions, new members classes, appointed membership directors and established the squad system, etc. In spite of all these measures, today the fluctuation is as great as it ever was.

Of course, we must here frankly admit that the suggestions and plans to stop fluctuation which were sent to the sections and units were never applied to any great extent.

The Year So Far.

Here we wish to show the complete picture of the Party growth from January 1st, 1935 up to and including the third week of May.

On January 1st, we registered and gave out books for 2433 members. During January, February, March, April and the first three weeks of May, we have recruited in this District 994 new members. This should now make our entire membership 3427 members. However, on the basis of our average dues payments, we can account for only 2560 members, and of course the weekly attendance at unit meetings is even less. This means that we have increased our membership in almost five months by only 127 and in the same five months, we have lost 867 members, which is a fluctuation of about 92%. We also know that of the 867 members, the highest percentage is among members that came in long before January. This looseness exists at a time when our Party is really participating in mass activities.

The Worst Sections.

Here we want to show some of the worst sections.

Los Angeles registered in January 1061 members, and since then has recruited 441 new members. This should give us in Los Angeles 1502 members, but instead we have 1118 members.

San Francisco registered 483 members in January and since then has recruited 188 members. This should give us 671 members, but in stead we can only find about 500 members.

East Bay Section registered in January 192 members and has since recruited 67. This should give the East Bay Section 259 members, but instead we have only 163, which means that we not only didn't grow, but lost 29 of our old members.

In Arizona we re-registered 47, and in the ensuing months recruited 16 which should give us

Force His Release



ANGELO HERNDON
Whose 20-year sentence to a Georgia chain-gang will mean his death if American workers don't force a reversal of the verdict. Norman Thomas, leader of the Socialist Party, has issued a call to Socialists throughout the nation to join the fight for his release. The U. S. Supreme Court has just sustained his sentence on a charge of "inciting to insurrection," an old Civil War statute.

Vigilante Victim



BOB MINOR
Militant labor leader who was kidnapped and slugged, together with Attorney David Levinson, when he went to Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the interests of the Gallup defense. The vigilantes who beat him and left him in the desert to die have never been so much as investigated by the State or National officials.

63 members. Instead we have only 50 members.

Eureka Section registered 35, and recruited 4 more. This should give us 39 members, but instead we have 23. Here too, we lost 12 of the old members, besides four new ones.

Fresno registered 65, recruited 18 more, making a total of 83. Instead we have only 49. Here also we lost 16 old members besides the 18 new recruits.

Stockton registered 22 members and recruited 3 more. We should now have 25. Instead we have only 20.

San Jose registered 32 and recruited 4, which should give us a total membership in San Jose Section of 36. Instead we can count only 19.

These are the most outstanding examples, but a similar bad situation exists in all 21 sections, with the exception of San Diego where the Party grew to some extent.

In San Diego, 65 members were registered, and 96 more recruited. This should give us a total of 161 members, but instead we have only 105. Here too, we kept only 40 out of the 96, making a total loss of 56 members in a very short time.

We can and must check the fluctuation in our District provided we apply immediately the method that is now used by the New York District with some additions.

Follow this Method.

1. The Party book is to be given to the new members by the unit secretary, through the endorser of the applicant.

2. All new members must attend a New Members' Class for a period of four weeks, as a compulsory Party assignment.

3. In all sections, the Organization Department is to be responsible for the supplying of instructors for these New Members Classes.

4. Every applicant should come into the Party through the same unit to which his endorser belongs.

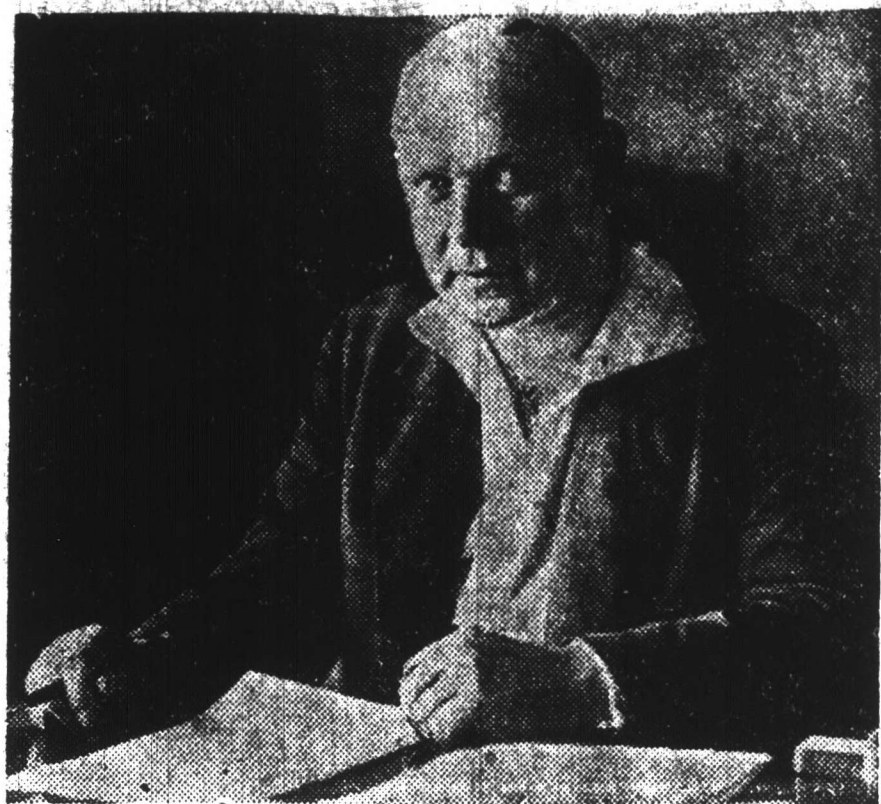
The unit membership meeting has to approve (or disapprove) the applicant when endorsed by one or two members of the unit.

6. The endorser must be responsible for bringing new members (even if out of the territory) to the unit meeting after the approval of the application by the unit. While placing the responsibility on the endorser, each unit is to make sure to reach the new members in such cases where the endorser may not attend a unit meeting for one or another rea-

MASS ACTION OF THE WORKERS IS ONLY DEFENSE AGAINST BOSS TERROR

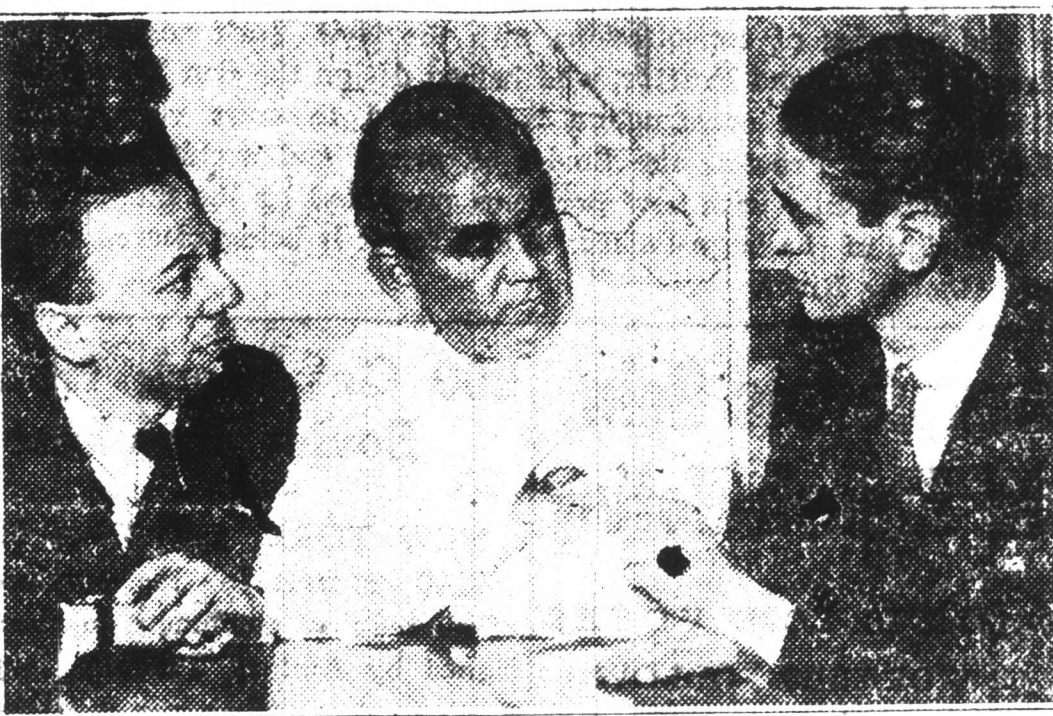
Force His Release

A Longshoreman and a Communist



ERNST THAELMANN, NOW IN A NAZI PRISON
Leader of the German Communist Party who refused to leave his post, regardless of the Hitler terror. Hunted by an army of police, Steel Helmets, and civilians, totalling 80,000 men throughout Germany, he was finally captured, and has spent over two and a half years in prison. He was supposed to go to trial before a "People's Court" this June. In the last German election, as Communist candidate for president, the German masses gave him the largest vote ever received by a Communist candidate in that country—5,000,000 ballots were cast for him.

Mooney Lauds Scharrenberg Ousting



Left to Right—Irvin Goodman, International Labor Defense Attorney of Portland, Ore.; Tom Mooney, a labor leader who couldn't be bought; and Paul Callicotte, the strange man who came to California in 1932 with a remarkable account of how he, unwittingly, placed the bomb which blew up the Preparedness Day Parade,—the crime for which Mooney was framed. They are shown in conference in San Quentin. The action of the San Francisco Seamen in ousting Paul Scharrenberg, sell-out artist of A. F. of L. officialdom, won Tom's hearty commendation: "Eliminate these labor fakers," he said in a message to the seamen, "And let nothing keep you from standing together in your fight."

A Relentless 4-Year Fight for Freedom



Since March, 1931, the nine Scottsboro boys have been held by the State of Alabama on frame-up charges of rape. The death penalty against them has been stopped on two occasions by such mass demonstrations as this. Of the nine boys, pictured in the center, two were so young, that even the capitalist courts decided to handle the "rape" charges against them in a juvenile court. One of the girls allegedly "attacked" has long since issued a statement completely refuting the charges. The other, a prostitute, has been proven a liar.

1 to 14 Years for Leading Strike



Al Hougardy, No. 58590.
Two of the four Communists now in San Quentin for "Crim-



Pat Chambers, No. 57589.

CRISIS LOOMS IN STRUGGLES ON WATERFRONT

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hysterical "red-scare drive against the waterfront workers, describing the whole movement toward democratic rank and file control of the unions as a Communist plot, dictated from his bed by Harry Bridges, local president of the I. L. A., who is lying critically ill in the St. Francis Hospital.

Employers' Ultimatum.

The Waterfront Employers Association is running a half page advertisement in the local papers, which amounts to a virtual declaration of war against the maritime workers. Citing the constant job action by which waterfront workers have successfully maintained the awards of the arbitration decision (300 minor strikes since October 12, 1934), the advertisement reprints a letter addressed by T. G. Plant, president of the Association, to W. J. Lewis, reactionary District President of the I. L. A. The letter is an ultimatum from the employers to the union, ordering Lewis to get rid of the rank and file leadership of the S. F. Local, 3879, and stop all strikes or else they will break off relations.

Sharp resentment against the lying attack of capitalist newspapers is manifested all along the waterfront, as well as a general determination not only to block the union smashing drive of the employers but to continue the ousting campaign until every faker has been driven out of the unions.

Critical Situation.

Many voice the opinion that the struggle between the employers and the workers for control of the unions will result in a showdown and another major strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—Action of the Waterfront Employers Association in serving an ultimatum to the International Longshoremen's Association demanding that rank and file leadership be abolished and all strikes cease, was accompanied by a similar move against the seamen. Communications addressed to Secretary McGrady, national official of the International Seamen's Union, demanded that he stop mili-

tant action of the seamen, else employers may break off relations.

Job Action Necessary.

As in the case of the longshoremen, the seamen have maintained arbitration awards by constant job and ship action, small strike in which they blocked all effort of the employers to pare away strike gains.

Both the longshoremen and the seamen ultimatums were served through reactionary, top crust of fields whom the employers can depend upon to serve their interests. The crux of the situation becomes the struggle of the employers to maintain (and in many instances, regain) control over the unions through the strategies of these fake officials. Opposed to this is the powerful movement for rank and file democracy, of which the Scharrenberg ousting is one manifestation.

As the waterfront employers maneuver to fall in line with the general wage cutting drive being pressed in all industries, they come squarely up against the increasing strength of the rank and file movement.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., June 7.—Pedro Pete, reactionary official of the local I. L. A., has been appointed West Coast organizer of the union by the International of Officers. He has resigned his local position. New elections will be held in two months. Joe Simons is to be the San Pedro delegate to the National Convention of the I. L. A.

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Lumber Strike

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special meeting, called over the heads of the union bureaucrats, where 1000 strikers voted unanimously to reseat them. In Belknap, Wash., an effort was made to drive visiting rank and file delegates from Everett out of town with vigilante terror.

Charter Threatened.

When the Longview strikers refused to take Muir's sell-out they were threatened with withdrawal of their charter. Union officials then called for a vote as to whether the members wished to remain in the union or not. Naturally the workers voted "aye," nine to one. The officials then claimed the vote endorsed the phoney agreement that had started the argument and ordered the men back to work. The men said it didn't and stayed out.

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The Lullaby of Wall Street
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They say their system isn't dead
—it's just an old illusion.
Oh, they're bringing back prosperity
They've got it on a stretcher—
The NRA and XYZ falls us to sleep.
Good night, workers,
Sit tight, good times are on the way.
Same baloney, same tripe as Hitler's fascist way.
Oh, so and so's the worker's friend—
(The lullaby of Wall Street)
They say depressions always end
(The lullaby of Wall Street)
"I'll make you all a millionaire,"
Says Huey Long the faker
And Father Coughlin on the air—
The Social Justice Quaker.
Oh, they got our heads aswimming
—min' round!
They're gonna run us goofy,
Let's turn this system upside down
And start our own.
Come on, workers, let's fight—
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Latest news from China (Szechwan) Province, where the Red Army is sweeping all before it, brings out some interesting items on the northside of the Kuo Min Tang. Leaders, society news includes the items that Messrs. Chang Ching-Kuo and Li Shih-Tsen, members of the KMT Central Executive Committee, Chanking, and the vicinity of the Red Army, per Hankow, hundreds of miles away. (No doubt their arduous struggle against their peers has earned them the right to a little relaxation among the girls of the White River and cafes there.) Mr. Wu Tsiang, also a member of the Council, who came to this area with Messrs. Chang and Li, is making a trip to Mr. Omei (Buddhist Temple) by himself. "Prayer," Confucius used to say, "is often the refuge of the scoundrel."

Another item tells that "A number of capitalists' residences in North Szechwan are said to have been looted to Szechwan to earn their living as gold diggers." Since the Red Army has gone to town, the gold digging in the mines and what she used to be.

Denver Workers Supported Youth Mass Meet, May 30

DENVER, Colo., June 6—Disregarding bad weather a large crowd of Denver workers massed at the Civic Center Youth Demonstration on May 30th. Speakers from many Youth and Labor organizations represented the United Youth Council for Peace Action. A group of young workers presented a character comedy, "Mr. Moneybags on the Front" an anti-war play which was well received. That requests have been made for another performance at an indoor meet.

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"PROPAGANDISTIC" PLAY

A recent headline in a review of "Peace on Earth" brings forth the following comment from M. W.

"Bourgeois critics do not call 'Tobacco Road' a propaganda play, at the same time hurling the accusation at 'Peace on Earth'. Both plays, of course, are propaganda. But the message of 'Peace on Earth' is more direct, more unmistakable, and what is damning in the critics' eyes, 'Peace on Earth' presents a solution. Through the use of the device of fantasy in its last act, a bitter exposure is revealed of the prostitution to the warforces of college presidents and professors, social workers, police officers, novelists, chemists, bishops, soldiers and liberals, and mass action is clearly indicated as the only effective weapon.

"The chief fault, which makes this play not as good 'propaganda' as we should like, is the emphasis on munition-making. The capitalist munitions manufacturers.

"'Tobacco Road' is merely poor propaganda. It has a point to make but fails to make it. What causes the poverty and degradation of these Lesters? Are they shiftless and ignorant because of 'bad blood'? And the big bad banker from Augusta who takes the form from under them—should he really be the villain of the piece? Would anything be solved by allowing the Lesters to remain in the farm—even giving them seed and a plow? And would their lot be very much better in Augusta, slaving in the textile mills—if they could get a job?

"We do not think it wholly unfair to say 'by the audience's reaction you shall judge the play.' In spite of superb acting and direction a hilarious audience is lulled by the probability and obscenity of 'Tobacco Road', and unmoved by its horror as though it were instead a strip show or a dirty musical comedy.

"Only to those who bring to it what the play itself lacks—an understanding of the economic background and outlook of these people—is this play touching and revealing, a tragedy of contemporary American life.

"Who in the audience at 'Peace on Earth' remained unmoved? This, in spite of occasional bad acting and the technical difficulties so staggering to an inadequately financed group. Who could fail to know what the play said?"

To the Movie Editors,
Western Worker,
San Francisco, Calif.
Dear Comrades:

I wish to present the following criticism in regard to your movie column. The comments and even longer reviews that appear there all express distrust, emphatic and personal, in regard to movies current and movies in general. But simply because someone says that movie is lousy, it grips me, it gives me a pain, does not mean that I or thousands of others who read your column will not go.

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Next Steps in Building A Labor Party in Calif.

Upon This Issue Depends, to a Large Degree, the Standard of Living of the Workers and Small Farmers and the Success of the Struggle Against War and Fascism

The First of Two Articles By Lawrence Ross.

What will happen next in California politics? Will the masses of discontented and radicalized workers and farmers support Mr. Sinclair in his attempt to "recapture" the Democratic Party? Will they flock to the third-party banners being hoisted by Robert Noble (Huey Long's satellite in Los Angeles) and Congressman Shoemaker (promoter for a Farmer-Labor Party)? Or will they support a mass Labor Party, with its basis in the rank and file of the trade unions and a program of struggle for the minimum demands of the working class?

* Of Major Importance.

Upon the answer to this question depends, to a large degree, the standard of living of the workers and small farmers of California in the immediate future, the success of the working class struggle against fascism and imperialism war. Which of these three developments will take place depends on the present activity of the Communist Party, on the conscious and energetic application of the entire Party membership, especially those members active in the trade unions and in limited front movements, to the task of laying the basis for a mass Labor Party in California.

* Sinclair's Intention.

Sinclair has again announced publicly that in forthcoming elections the Epic League of California, and similar organizations throughout the country, will attempt to "capture" the Democratic Party by the same method which resulted in his nomination last year. Sinclair's confidence is based on his success in the 1934 primaries. The Epic League, since the elections last November, has lost most of its organizational strength. The wide organization built up during the campaign has for the most part disintegrated into paper groups composed of a handful of Sinclair satellites with no mass following. Still, Sinclair himself retains a good deal of personal prestige among the workers, and there is the chance that masses will again flock to his support in a bid for election—unless these masses of radicalized workers are won for a third-party movement, or won over to the support for a mass Labor Party. That Sinclair's success in winning mass support would be a blow to the vital necessity of welding working class unity is seen not alone by his own violent opposition to a United Front with the Communist Party, but by the sort of platform on which he ran last year and would run again. A platform of demagogic promises held out as bait for votes—the sort of platform of social reformism against which our Central Committee has emphatically warned us. It means no break with the vicious two-

party system to which the American working class has been enslaved since the Civil War. It means, in the final analysis, the tying of the masses of workers and small farmers to the Roosevelt-Farley-McAdoo machine in California—as evidenced by Sinclair's current maneuvers for Roosevelt's support. It means, also, the relinquishing of daily struggle to protect the interests of the working class, since Sinclair's entire platform is based upon legislative action.

* Chance for Third Party.

What chance has the third-party movement of gaining a stronghold in California? It is true that most people scoff at present at the wild, ultraradical political evangelism of Robert Noble (who has openly called upon the workers to polish their rusty guns and "be prepared"), and do not take seriously the initial attempts of Congressman Shoemaker to organize a Farmer-Labor Party. Still, we must remember that there are three-quarters of a million people in California who are breaking away from the old two parties (most of whom have voted for Sinclair in the last election) and that a large percentage of these are disillusioned with the Epic program. Also, that Shoemaker is preparing an intensive radio organizational campaign and will no doubt use every conceivable demagogic device in an attempt to convince the workers that his Farmer-Labor platform means a break with capitalism.

While Shoemaker doesn't have at present the following that Robert Noble has, he is potentially a more dangerous obstacle for the formation of a mass Labor Party in California. This can be seen by contrasting Shoemaker's clever Social-Reformist demagoguery to Noble's stupid, clowning, charlatanism.

* Sinclair's Opposition.

Sinclair, of course, is opposed to the third-party movement, using the arguments "why go to all the trouble of organizing a third party when the Democratic Party is lying here waiting to be used?" But this opposition, based on his own political ambitions, in the light of the state of disorganization of the Epic movement, is certainly not a factor which can guarantee the death of the third-party movement in California. Due to the present situation it can be seen that there is danger of a third-party movement gaining a foothold, unless prevented by the active work of the Communist Party membership now, in building the united front and consciously laying the basis for a mass Labor Party.

Whether it be the Farmer-Labor program of social reformism, based on Governor Olsen's Minnesota Party) or the Huey Long-Robert Noble brand of American fascism—whichever succeeds in establishing itself firmly among the California working class (if one should so succeed), it would be a serious blow to the welding of unity of the working class in the struggle for its immediate demands.

* Immediate Tasks.

The Communist Party in California at this time must therefore speed up its work preparing

the basis for a real mass labor party if we are to meet the challenge of the existing situation. Specifically, the necessity for increasing the tempo of our work can readily be seen by the following:

1. The application of Roosevelt's new public works program in California already has resulted in cutting off many from work relief as "ineligible," and will act as a lever with which to lower wages in private employment, especially in the agricultural fields.
2. The termination of the waterfront agreements on September 30th, which will no doubt be a signal for an intensified attack to smash the Maritime Federation and weaken the whole of the labor movement.
3. The foothold gained (in Los Angeles) by the Huey Long movement (Robert Noble) which may succeed in deluding thousands of disillusioned Epic workers and others; the beginning of a radio drive by Congressman Shoemaker for a Farmer-Labor Party.
4. The coming municipal elections in many places throughout the state this fall, and the splendid chance of building united labor tickets.
5. The demagogic maneuvers of Merriam to stave off any move for his recall and to lay the basis of the machinery which would guarantee his reelection (flirting with the idea of commuting Mooney's sentence, judiciously distributing S.E.R.A. funds, etc.).

The preparations of the Merriam regime to launch a drive against militant working class organizations (the railroad through the Crime Committee, while all attention was focused on the anti-working class bills before the Judiciary Committee, or Assembly bill No. 20, which would in effect outlaw the Communist Party and Communist publications.

SOVIET FILM CHAPAYEV IN SAN FRANCISCO

With "Chapayev," now at the President Theatre in San Francisco, the Soviet film again rises to heroic stature.

A genuinely revolutionary film in content, its remarkable technique of brilliance has won international admiration.

Chapayev, the Red Commander of Civil War Days, who is the central character of the film is an actual historical character, and the heroic achievements of the Partisan forces under his command are recorded in the film.

The two young Vasilyev brothers, whose years of study and training in the Soviet studios has resulted in this magnificent film, are now considered by the people of the Soviet Union—and with good reason—as among their heroes of Socialist achievement.

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By Lou McLean.

THE CUBAN STRUGGLE

BLOOD ON THE SUGAR—(The Terror in Cuba) by Sam Dlugin 14 pp., 1c—published by International Labor Defense, N. Y.

There are two high explosives in this little pamphlet. The first: The blood-lust of a Goering; the animal-brain of a Mussolini might have been evident first in Europe. But—Cuba lies awfully close to the United States of America. And readers of the Western Worker, after you have read this pamphlet, you will no doubt feel as I felt: Fascism, not being a European phenomena, but the last belt of a sinking capitalism, has deposited its crushing, maniacal, and terrible terror on the struggling masses of Cuba.

Secondly: Here are authentic cases; isolated in words, for you to see how the terror in Cuba is no different than that terror used by Herr Hitler. Here is shown the American banker's position in bulleting bodies; in knitting natives; in dismembering women and children in the name of the great god—PROFIT. What does it matter who does the dirty work, the killings, the maiming of human lives? What does it matter if babies die, women are raped and killed; what does it matter how much brute force and terror is used to rule? GET THOSE PROFITS! That is the cry of capitalism and capitalists. By all means spend one cent and read this little pamphlet. See that sympathizers read it; your friends.

TALK WITH STALIN

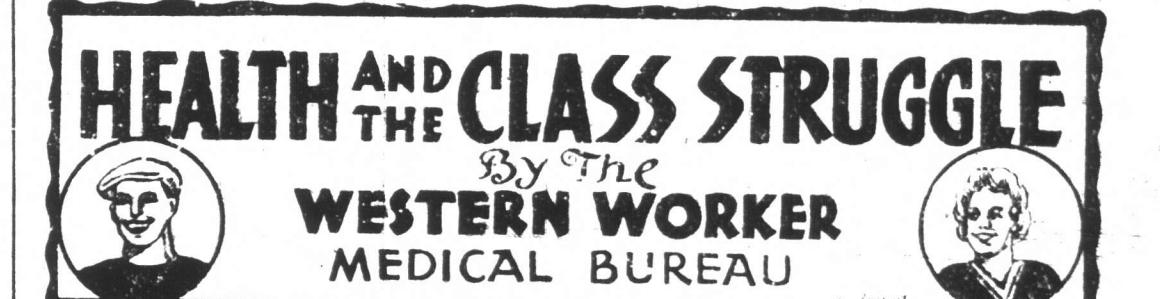
MARXISM VS. LIBERALISM—An interview between Joseph Stalin and H. G. Wells. International Publishers—23 pp.—2c. In this pamphlet Stalin, with

straightforward replies, tried to show Mr. H. G. Wells (supposedly one of the world's leading liberals) just how the world can be made a better place in which to live. That Wells can not see it is because he, like all liberals who are really reactionaries, does not want to see the way out of the hellish shape the Capitalist World is in.

Some liberals, and quite a few at that, do see the point Stalin explains so clearly. But Wells, never. In the first place, Wells is afraid of the working class. In the second place he has too many worldly goods to lose should the revolution and overthrow of the capitalist system hit him. In the third place the whole interview proves that Wells's position on World history is a bit haywire. Read this interview and learn just how Stalin handles the situation.

MONTHLY STATISTICS ECONOMIC NOTES—June 1935.

10 pp., 5c copy or 65c a year.
Data on the National Front. What is Roosevelt doing for the working class (along with the white collar and farm workers), Company unions and their meaning. How the wealth of the upper class is invested when investment is precarious. The truth about what is happening to the Housing Plan and the hypocrisy that runs riot in the whole Housing setup. And how the A. E. of L. leaders have positions on the CCC camp policy setup. Relief budgets clearly explained and just how much you are expected "to starve along on." Last, but not least, is a listing of the newspapers owned by the arch liar W. R. Hearst. By all means get a real nickel worth of news once a month; read and pass this evidence of our rotten capitalist system.



We want to know more about your health problems and experiences. Write us about them. Letters which are not answered in these columns will be answered by personal letters. Address all communications to this column, care of **WESTERN WORKER**, 37 Grove St., San Francisco.

Long Beach, Cal.
I want to ask what you think of the so-called cures for alcoholism. (Liquor habit—ed.)

A Subscriber.
ANS: As health and disease are quantities to be bought and sold under the capitalist system, it is only natural that all sorts of frauds are passed off on the public as "cures." Among the crudest of these are the fake medicines which are advertised to cure the liquor habit.

One of the most widely advertised liquor cures is "Haines' Golden Treatment." The ad claims, "Drunkards Cured in 24 Hours" and "Drunkards Cured Secretly." One ad says, "Golden Treatment is Odorless and Tasteless—Any lady can give it secretly at home in tea, coffee, or food."

According to the American Medical Association, which investigated this "cure," it neither cures a drunkard nor is it possible to give it without the drunkards' knowledge. The Association's chemical laboratory found that this fake is composed mainly of milk sugar, starch, red pepper, and a small quantity of ipecac.

Another, older fake medicine is "Alcola." The advertisements for this fraud are similar to the above, and it is just as worthless. However, "Alcola" is also dangerous to the health of the taker, as it contains such strong poisons as strychnine and tartar emetic.

How may a worker know whether ads are truthful or not? When it comes to patent medicines, he may be sure that 99 per cent of them are either fakes or worthless. If a quarter of the money which is spent on useless patent medicines were paid to physicians in consultation, the American workers would be many times healthier than they are.

Wilmington, Calif.
Please tell me the cause of small pimples in the pores, which have a round, white substance in them.

H. V.
ANS: From the description, H. V. is probably suffering from acne.

Acne results from a combination of causes. A person who has a tendency towards this disease, breaks out when he is not careful with his diet and when his skin is not kept clean. Under these conditions, the oil glands in skin become clogged, forming blackheads. Then the glands become infected and pimples result. If a patient is a bourgeois, he may take Dr. J. C. Rimmel's advice, and "avoid hot, dusty work"

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Audience Protests Ghere Kidnaping

SLUGGING OF DIRECTOR OF MILITANT PLAYS AROUSES WORKERS

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., June 2.—Protesting against the brutal kidnapping and beating of William Ghere at the hands of thugs of the Friends of New Germany, more than 500 people crowded into the Hollywood Playhouse late yesterday afternoon in a mass protest against the outrage.

The protest meeting was called immediately after the close of the matinee performance of "Waiting for Lefty" and "Till the Day I Die," revolutionary plays. It was the latter, directed by Ghere, which provoked the attack upon him by the Nazis.

In addition to the matinee crowd two hundred others came to the theatre for the protest meeting. Speakers on the platform included Leo Bieglman and Harold Salomon representing the American League Against War and Fascism; Judge Totten, speaking for a United Front; E. McLarty, Epics, Tom Miller, International Labor Defense, and Ghere who told of his harrowing experiences.

A collection of \$47 was taken up to be used to further the fight against fascism in America. Brazenly sitting through the protest meeting was one Ludwig Frenz, acknowledged leader of the strong-arm gang of the Friends of New Germany in Los Angeles.

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FUMIGATING THE WATERFRONT

The maritime unions are free of one barnacle and can sail that much cleaner toward a decent standard of living. The ousting of "brother" Scharrenberg from the Sailors' union of the Pacific is another step in the direction of rank and file unionism and away from the suffocating domination of employers' agents.

But there are plenty more barnacles to be scraped off before the vessel is clean. Ninety per cent of the haggling, brain torture and rickamole at the meetings of the Sailors' Union will be eliminated when they get rid of the parliamentary witchcraft of Chairman S. A. Silver. The air will be still clearer when McGovern and Larsen get the boot. Besides, Scharrenberg is apt to get lonely in the garbage can without his old cronies.

They might like to have Vandeleur with them also. Then when they get to reminiscing on how they sold out the General Strike and how they maneuvered the Central Labor Council to play into the hands of the employers, he'll come in handy.

That's a good tip for the carmen. One of the first steps toward preventing one-man cars is to get rid of the fake union leaders who make such disgraces possible.

But there's something to watch out for here. What is the use of dumping one faker if you put another one in office to take his place?

Elect a man out of your ranks. Not a fancy windbag, but a sailor. Select him for his militancy and his past record of struggle. Pick the sort of rank and file leader that will start the employers and the capitalist press raving and ranting about "Reds" and "Bolsheviks". Then you'll know you've got an honest official who won't sell you out to them.

THE AWFUL HOWLING OF MR. HEARST

You know what a cheap nasty little liar is. Well, give a rat like that a megaphone the size of a mountain and let him bellow his lies so that they can be heard around the world, and still he remains nothing but a cheap, dirty little liar. Noise can't overcome the facts.

Too many people read the capitalist press (particularly the Hearst sheets) and get a feeling of hopelessness. They think that if the public is swallowing a lot of vicious nonsense like they see printed, then what is the use of trying to do anything?

The thing is, the public is not swallowing it. The editorials in the Hearst papers are not expressions of public opinion. They are merely the pus drained off the festering brain of a badly frightened parasite. This treacherous idiocy is as disgusting to the rest of the public as it is to you.

And what better example do you need than the ousting of Scharrenberg? For months the capitalist press (with Hearst in the lead) have been howling against "the Reds on the waterfront"—"Oust the Reds"—"Kick out the militants"—"The Reds are trying to destroy the earth"—"the rank and file leaders are Communists; drive them out!"

In contrast to this, "brother" Scharrenberg and the rest of his rotten breed were always referred to with reverence, "Labor's regular leaders"—"The representatives of organized labor"—"The recognized union leaders."

They have damn good reason for "recognizing them." These are the traitors through whom they can negotiate sell-outs and beat down all struggles.

But what was the result of this campaign? Increased rank and file control and the kicking out of an arch reactionary. And the start of a campaign to systematically rid the unions of all the other misleaders so enthusiastically endorsed by the employers in their kept press.

NO DISCIPLINE SPELLS DEFEAT

There is a race of learned philosophers who like to lounge back and declare that Communism is all right, and the Communist ideas are right, but the Communist Party is too dogmatic.

They mean by this that they cannot submit themselves to the discipline of the Party, or else the Party refuses to compromise with them on some pet religious, racial or temperamental prejudice.

Just how far a loosely organized, undisciplined group, embracing vast and constantly shifting differences of opinion can get in the fight against capitalism, is well illustrated in the experience of the Epic block of legislators in Sacramento.

They had ample strength to block the reactionary budget bill which threw the burden of cost on the shoulders of labor and spared the purses of the rich. But what happened? Free to bend and sway in the breezes of their own whims and prejudices, undisciplined by a clear party line, bound by no instructions from a closely organized body, they were unable to get together.

Members of the Communist Party must adhere to the principle of democratic centralism—a principle that they understand as more important to the working class cause than any private difference of opinion of the moment. This means that in deciding an action, each member of a group has ample time to expound his views. But when a vote is taken, all members of the group abide by that decision and carry it out conscientiously.

Capitalism is no push over. It is powerful, desperate and unscrupulous. At the present time it is defending itself like a wounded bear. An undisciplined group with no uniform adherence to basic principles is helpless to tackle such a foe.

The class struggle is no child's play. Thousands have sacrificed their lives to it and thousands more have gone to jail undaunted. This struggle involves a serious responsibility. No one proposes that discipline is a pleasure. But members of the Communist Party submit themselves to it because they understand that without it no revolutionary struggle has the slightest chance of success.

Let the Rest of the Fakers Follow



Soviet Pride of Ownership

Workers Feel the Land Belongs to Them

(This is the sixth of a series of articles exposing lies about the Soviet Union appearing in capitalist papers. It is written by a former Hearst reporter who has traveled extensively in the Soviet Union.)

By George H. Shoaf

One of the surprising developments in the Soviet Union is the rapidity with which the city workers and farm laborers grasp the sense of collective ownership and responsibility. These workers, most of them, never before in their lives knew what it was to own anything. Now, they own everything, and they know it. And, with that ownership, there has come to each and every one of them a handable ambition to reconstruct, rebuild, engage in new construction and extension; and to preserve and keep in perfect order the property which is theirs.

When one gazes in awe at the Empire State Building in New York City, he merely gazes at it as one of the achievements of private ownership and exploitation. He knows that not a nickel's worth of that building belongs to him. If anything happens to the building, such as a pane of glass breaking or the elevator service unexpectedly stopping, he would regard the matter with utter unconcern. For all he cared, the whole building might collapse into ruins, and he would not lose an instant's sleep. As he regards the Empire State Building, so all citizens regard all privately owned and operated property in which they have no immediate interest.

* Pride of Ownership.

In the land of the Soviets, however, this attitude is reversed. The workers in a Leningrad textile factory are just as much interested in and concerned about the upkeep of the tools and machinery on a collectivized farm in the lower Volga region as he is in the Leningrad factory. The farm worker works with joy and pride the widening of the old streets in Moscow and the improvement of the harbor at Odessa. The workers in far distant Vladivostok know what is going on along the Polish border, and new developments in the oceans around the Caspian Sea constitute a subject of vital interest to every man, woman and child in the Soviet Union.

This interest of the workers in their newly acquired possessions is outstandingly obvious. Any citizen of Moscow or Leningrad, or any Soviet city, will walk blocks out of the way to show the stranger what he desires to see. Describing what is shown, invariably, the Soviet citizen, pointing out a park, building, river or harbor frontage, newly widened avenue, factory, mine, collectivized farm, automobile or old-fashioned drosky, will say: "This is ours," or "That belongs to us," or "We, the people, own what you are looking at." In the United States, if a similar episode occurred, the stranger would be told that John D. Rockefeller owns this enterprise or J. P. Morgan owns that industry.

This common ownership, operation and control of all Soviet property, in which all Soviet workers manage all property for the common good, inevitably cements the interests of every individual

in a brotherhood of universal interest. It could not be otherwise. While better work brings higher pay, the one who does better work can never aspire to a position where he can exploit his fellow workers.

* Store Clerk.

Down in Tiflis, beyond the Caucasus Mountains, with my friend, the interpreter, I stepped into a Soviet general store to make a purchase. A conversation ensued between the clerk and my friend in which I joined. We—two customers—were Americans, and this fact aroused the clerk's interest. He was full of curiosity as to how business was managed in the United States. With a sigh he announced that his monthly stipend as clerk amounted to only 350 rubles. He felt that a man of his ability and ambition should receive more. In fact, he admitted that he was not particularly enamored of the Soviet system. His criticism of common ownership and control developed, at length, into a vitriolic denunciation.

"Look at me," he said. "I am a good manager and a good salesman. If business in this country was privately owned and operated, I could speedily grow rich. Here I am earning only 350 rubles a month, whereas if I owned and operated my own store, with girl-hired cheaply to do the work, I could easily make a profit of 350 rubles a day!"

* Benefits Besides Pay.

This clerk receives 350 rubles a month. But this fails to tell the whole story. Being a worker in light industry, his day consists of seven hours, with a five-day week. Were he a heavy industry worker, as in the foundry or in the mines, he would work only six hours a day. Every year he gets two weeks off on full pay with free transportation to any part of the Soviet Union he desires to visit. Were he a heavy industry worker, his vacation every year would be a full month with free transportation. Besides these two and four weeks' vacation, every worker gets off eight additional days on full pay each year. Four days are given over to the May Day demonstration and four days are set apart for participation in the festivities connected with celebrating the annual event of Nov. 7. Additionally, big or unexpected events of national importance are appropriately observed, with every worker in the Soviet Union taking part.

At no charge, this clerk and every member of his family are given free dental and medical treatment. If he gets sick, or is hurt in an accident, he is ministered to until made well. His children are educated as high as their mental capacities will permit, following which they are inducted into the professions for which they can qualify, or they are given jobs. He knows beyond all doubt that both his and their economic future is secure. If accident prevents him from functioning on the job, or if he reaches the age of retirement, he

Security Unknown In Capitalist Countries

is accorded every consideration and care as long as he lives.

* Prosperity for All.

He is only a clerk in a Soviet store, but his voice and vote, combined with the voices and votes of his fellow clerks in truly democratic fashion, decide the policy of that store so far as it relates to the local situation. He helps to elect the store manager. He, himself, can become store manager if he can qualify and the present manager fails to make good. With his fellow clerks, he can increase his earnings just as rapidly as the economic situation throughout the whole of the Soviet Union warrants an increase.

What he can NOT do is to hire girls at cheap wages in order to exploit their labor. What he can NOT do is to engage in speculative enterprise of any kind, or to take advantage of the necessities of his fellow workers, to gain fame and fortune. He can rise in material wealth only as all the workers of the Soviet Union rise.

I OVERHEARD YOU

By the Eavesdropper

You were three Stanford University students riding down on the train from San Francisco to Palo Alto. Certainly not Communists. (Not yet, anyhow.) Well dressed, clean cut, you were the Saturday Evening Post conception of American Youth.

One of you unfolded a Sunday paper. "What section do you want? I don't care which I read first. It's all a lot of . . . anyhow."

"You ought to have better sense than to buy an Examiner," said another.

"It isn't the Examiner. It's the Chronicle," said the third.

"What's the difference," said the first. "One is just as bad as another."

"At home," said the second, "we take the L. A. Times. It's just as bad as Hearst. It rates down South about like the Chronicle. They're all the same, though. We only take it because we have no choice."

"When you come right down to it," said the third, "they're all controlled by the same interests. So what's the difference?"

Your conversation turned to national affairs, the New Deal, the end of the NRA, the possibilities of inflation, the relief situation. You recognized these issues as hypocritical fronts for the maneuvers of corrupt capitalist interests. You scored governor Merriam as a liar and a faker and regarded Roosevelt as a tool of the monied interests. All these things you seemed to take for granted with a sort of unconcerned cynicism. You viewed the debacle of the world through aloof, sophisticated eyes.

If you knew the train you were riding on was heading as surely for collision as the world you are living in, would you discuss the situation with such calm, unconcerned cynicism? Or would you get busy trying to do something about it?

OPEN FORUM

ANTI-FASCIST ON THE ALERT

Los Angeles, Calif.

Editor Western Worker:

A member of the American League Against War and Fascism sent us the following letter:

"One day I saw in my neighborhood market a girl demonstrating an electric mixer as a premium for an eight months' subscription to the Examiner. I asked her whether she knew that she is committing herself as an instrument to bring Fascism to America. Naturally, that poor thing did not even know what Fascism is. Anyhow she knows now."

I went over to the manager of the market and voiced my protest: "As a resident in the neighborhood I know this place to sell food, not as a place to help the Examiner spread Fascism. My neighbors know this as a place to sell food, not Fascism."

A few days later the clerk told me that the girl was not in the store the next day. Whether we shall have Fascism in this country depends on who will work faster—the Fascists or the anti-Fascists."

American League Against War and Fascism
6363 Hollywood Blvd.

A RADIO LISTENER SPEAKS

Mr. Martin Luther Thomas
c/o Radio Station KXX
Hollywood, Calif.

Sir: In your address over KXX on Sunday evening, June 2, you told of the horrible conditions of the working class in the U. S. R. The conditions that you related apply right here at home and not in the Soviet Union.

Were you talking for the benefit of the working class at home, or for the benefit of the class for which you are a paid lackey?

We know it is deplorable that the workers of the Soviet Union rose up and took possession of what belongs to them, and put the class which you represent to producing their own bread and butter.

In making such talks you should tell your radio listeners that they are made in the name of the class you represent, the 2 percent, the banking and corporation interests,—instead of the lowly Nazarenes, as you do.

Yours for a socialist society
A Worker for Communism.

The above letter was mailed to Mr. Luther by one of his listeners, with the request he read it at his next regular broadcast. Probably he won't. Ed.

CROOKED FINGERPRINTS?

June 3.

Editor Western Worker:

I was interested in the communication from San Diego regarding the police dept. "expert" who, anxious to make a record in tracing a "criminal" fingerprint, finally discovered that it was his own fingerprint.

Detectives, capitalist newspaper representatives, writers of fiction, courts and millions of people generally regard the entire system of fingerprinting as absolutely infallible. I have seen the system's infallibility challenged.

While I was an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas (having been sent there with a large number of other I.W.W. members for striking during the war period) a young prisoner who had just been released wrote a communication to either the Kansas City "Star" or "Journal," in which he said fingerprints could be successfully changed by skilled secret-service operators to suit their purposes.

He had been employed in prison as a skilled aid to the U. S. Secret Service Officer there who did the fingerprinting; and he had, doubtless, many opportunities to study the system.

If the fingerprint system can be "worked," readers of the Western Worker will undoubtedly perceive the tremendous possibilities involved.

Police departments can frame any person they may desire to persecute. Employers will be able to blacken the reputation of striking employees.

H. K.
Long Beach.

YOUTH TO THE RED FRONT

Los Angeles, May 31.

Comrade Editor:

Since I saw what took place in the City Plaza on May 30th, and how enthusiastic the youths were that assembled there, I feel that something ought to be done immediately to draw in additional thousands into Youth movement. Therefore, could it not be possible for some comrade having knowledge of writing pamphlets, to write one that would be of special interest to the tens of thousands of these youths; many of whom do not even know or understand what the American Youth Congress represents.

The American Youth must be organized, and organized quickly before they are swallowed up by the fascists. This also applies to the CCC boys. All power from now on must be utilized to unite the entire American youth. The

TRAVELING WITH HEADQUARTERS In The Field

By Sam Darcy

Notes on the Political Situation In California.

Upton Sinclair, last week, wired his San Francisco representative to expel the San Francisco Council of the Democratic Party from Epic Ranks. The reason is that this body has joined and announced it will continue to join in United Front with the Communists. It is not clear what Mr. Sinclair will have left in San Francisco if he expels the Democratic Council. Excepting this body there are only a small group of eight or nine dignitaries left. So far the Democratic Council refuses to be expelled because the Constitution adopted on the last Epic convention (apparently forgotten by Upton) provides for a regular procedure which the dictator's order disregarded.

However, Mr. Sinclair is looking for allies on the Right. In San Francisco he (through local agents) is completing an alliance that will nominate for mayor, Supervisor McSheehy. McSheehy, it is rumored, has just returned from Washington, with the blessings of President Roosevelt's Mr. Farley, who knows that Kossi is washed up. Nationally Mr. Sinclair still hopes that Roosevelt will take him in as a bona fide Democrat. With a third party movement threatening to split Mr. Roosevelt's vote in 1936 (bringing in the danger of electing a Republican) Mr. Sinclair hopes that Roosevelt will be forced to make a bid for his support in order to prevent him from lining up with the third party movement.

Sinclair thinks that with Roosevelt support he can get elected, no matter what losses he sustains at present so far as the Epic movement is concerned. It is for that reason also that he has been the chief stumbling block in the efforts at a recall movement against Merriam. The official Epic recall candidate is Sheridan Downey. A recall movement now might result in Downey eclipsing Sinclair.

While Upton is playing all this unprincipled capitalist politics to promote his own career the masses of people who voted for him are becoming increasingly disgusted both with him as well as the worsening conditions that obtain throughout the state. A movement for a united Labor Party is too slowly, but nevertheless definitely, gaining strength which might upset all of Sinclair's calculations. The United Heep of Pasadena has too much contempt for the intelligence and awakening class consciousness of the working class.

A good deal depends on what you comrades can get your fellow workers, especially in the trade unions, to do.

The question is:

Shall we tie the working class to the tail of the political kite of some capitalist politician or shall we embark on independent working class political action? If the latter your organization should go on record for a Labor Party and inform us of that action.

Of Personal Interest.

Comrade Bill Foster from Moscow sends his warmest greetings to all his comrades in the West. . . . 121 Haight street, San Francisco, (Ruthenberg House) is reopening. This Workers' Center has been closed to workers' organizations since the terror of last July when the owners (Young Men's Hebrew Association) helped the fascists by evicting the Workers' School. . . . Phil Spitalny, one of the orchestra leaders whose band consists entirely of polychromatic girls, is going to the U. S. S. R. this summer for an extended concert tour and will play before Soviet workers' cultural gatherings.

We would be glad to hear from anyone who succeeded in tuning in on a short wave set on the Soviet Union station at Khabarovsk; write us what you heard and at what time. We have a request for such advice.

What It Takes.

Comrade C. (Berkeley) asks:

When you join the Communist Party, do you have to join an existing unit? What if no unit exists in my territory?

The answer is that you can get four others who see as you do and form a new unit. If you would rather work with a special group of people that you know would work better, recruit them into our Party and write us. We will be glad to send all the necessary supplies and information.

Bulgaria In War Pact With Nazis

LONDON, June 3.—Reports have been published here that a secret war pact has been signed between the Bulgarian dictatorship and Germany. It is said that Goering, who has been visiting Bulgaria, promised airplanes and heavy artillery if Bulgaria would join the anti-Soviet front.

Youth are to play the most important part in our struggle for a Soviet America. The revolutionary movement throughout the country must throw its entire strength in the field, and its main drive to mobilize the American Youth; there is no time to be wasted. War and fascism are upon us.

A column, or a part of a column should be set aside in the Western Worker pertaining to the youth, asking for suggestions and ideas from its readers and sympathizers, "how to best contact and organize the youth." The Young Communist League, proves this, that they are the best fighters in the ranks of the working class, therefore we need a mass movement under the leadership of the Young Communist League.

Comradely yours,
A. G. J.

FRESH MEAT IS STORED IN L.A. BY SERA HEADS

RELIEF HEADS GIVE OUT ONLY CANNED BEEF

LOS ANGELES, June 4.—Wormy, mouldy canned beef, unfit for human consumption is good enough for the unemployed—even when thousands of tons of fresh meat are being held by relief officials in cold storage.

Hearing that such fresh meat was in cold storage, Local 15, Southgate, Public Works Unemployed League, protested to Major Parrill, complaint chief, Southern Area of the LACRA. He admitted the fact, but could advance no valid reason why it was not being issued to LACRA clients.

Obviously, as the PWUL points out, this is an attempt by the Government to aid the meat packers to keep up meat prices for the packers by buying up surplus meats on the pretext of giving it to the unemployed, then failing to do so. Failure to give out this fresh meat forces relief clients to go into the cash market with their scant relief checks and buy occasional meat to supplement their indigestible canned beef allowances.

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